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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
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and
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and
STATE ENGINEER of OREGON

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AS OF
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season as they affect runoff will add to be an effective average. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1400 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. In the near future, it is anticipated that automatic snow water equivalent sensing devices along with radio telemetry will provide a continuous record of snow water equivalent at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

Listed below are water supply outlook reports based on Federal-State-Private Cooperative snow surveys. Those published by the Soil Conservation Service may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, Room 507, Federal Building, 701 N. W. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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RIVER BASINS			
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BASIC DATA SUMMARY	OCTOBER 1	PORTLAND, OREGON	ALL COOPERATORS
STATES			
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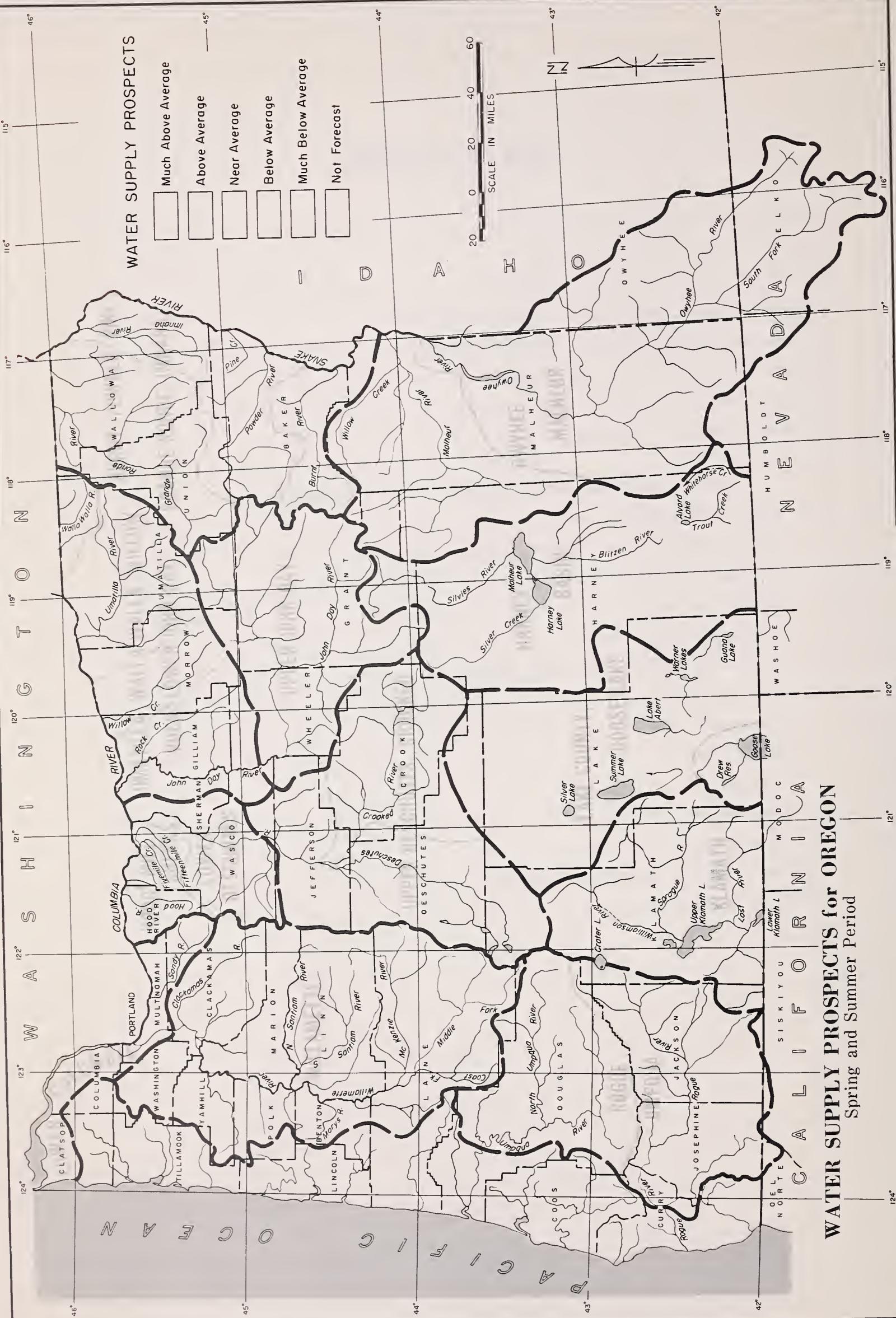
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WATER SUPPLY PROSPECTS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Much Above Average
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Near Average
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Much Below Average
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WATER SUPPLY PROSPECTS for OREGON

Spring and Summer Period

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK for OREGON

JANUARY 1, 1966

Now that immediate flood threats seem to have lessened, most Oregon water users can be real happy with the heavy storm situation which has prevailed since the day after Christmas. The excessive rain and snow have combined to boost the mountain snowpacks considerably and, thereby, raise the state-wide water outlook from fair to good for next spring and summer. Stored water supplies are excellent and the moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack is about average.

SNOW COVER

Mountain snowpacks were far below average at the end of December but increased rapidly toward normal with recent heavy storms. Pre-January snow surveys indicated snow was about half of the usual January 1 amount in Harney Basin, the Owyhee, Malheur, Burnt, Powder, Grande Ronde, Walla Walla, Umatilla, John Day and the Wasco-Hood River county areas. Other stream basins had a snowpack ranging from 70 percent average up to 90 percent on the Willamette. Lake County was alone in having a 100 percent snow cover. None of the snow surveys revealed a snow pack as heavy as last year on this date.

Snow at low elevations (below 4,000) in the Coast Range and on the Cascades west slope is now much deeper than average and can contribute heavily to streamflow if heavy rains and warm temperatures should occur continuously for several days.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil mantle under the mountain snows is about 60 to 70 percent of capacity in most watersheds and is 75 to 80 percent capacity on the Malheur and Owyhee drainages. There is a moderate amount of frost in the soil in most eastern Oregon areas.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Water stored in 25 Oregon reservoirs used primarily for irrigation totals 135 percent of the 15-year (1948-62) average and 79 percent of last year at this date.

Water stored in 28 out of 33 reservoirs is less than last year at this date but is greater than average in all but 4 cases. Christmas floods a year ago had filled many reservoirs at this date and quite a few were spilling.

STREAMFLOW

Flow of Oregon streams next spring and summer is expected to range from near average to above average if snow continues to accumulate in near normal amounts during the balance of the winter.

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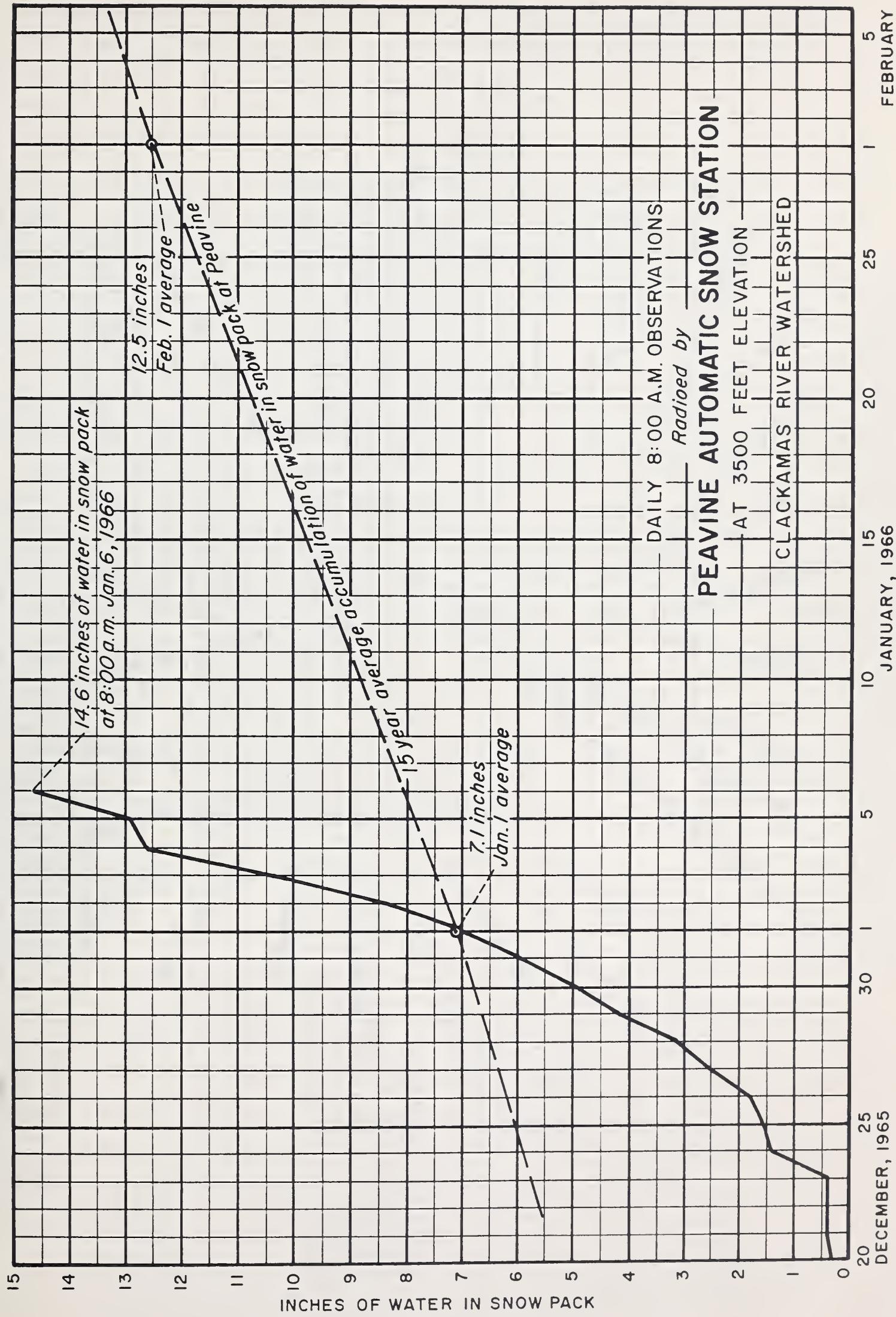
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Preliminary figures of streamflow* on key Oregon streams for the period since October 1, 1965 are all below average except for the Klamath and Owyhee which have flowed about 100 and 117 percent average, respectively. Flows of the Rogue, Umpqua and Willamette Middle Fork have been considerably below average and are reported as 54, 39 and 36 percent of average, respectively.

- * Preliminary data from U. S. Geological Survey; Oregon State Engineer; U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and Pacific Power and Light Company, Portland.



DAILY RADIO REPORTS BY AUTOMATIC SNOW MEASURING STATION

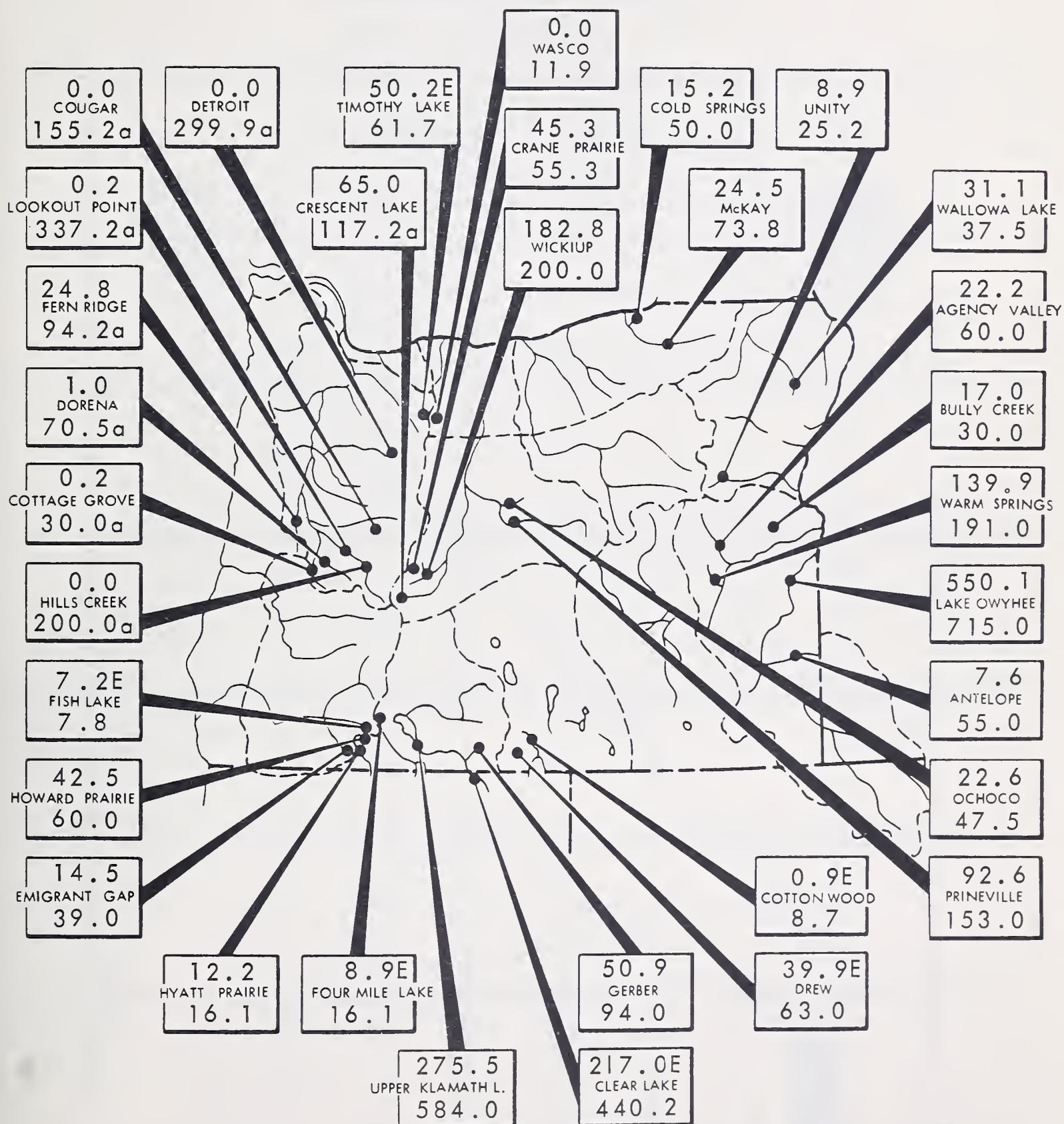




STORAGE STATUS of OREGON RESERVOIRS

usable contents in thousands of acre feet

JANUARY 1, 1966



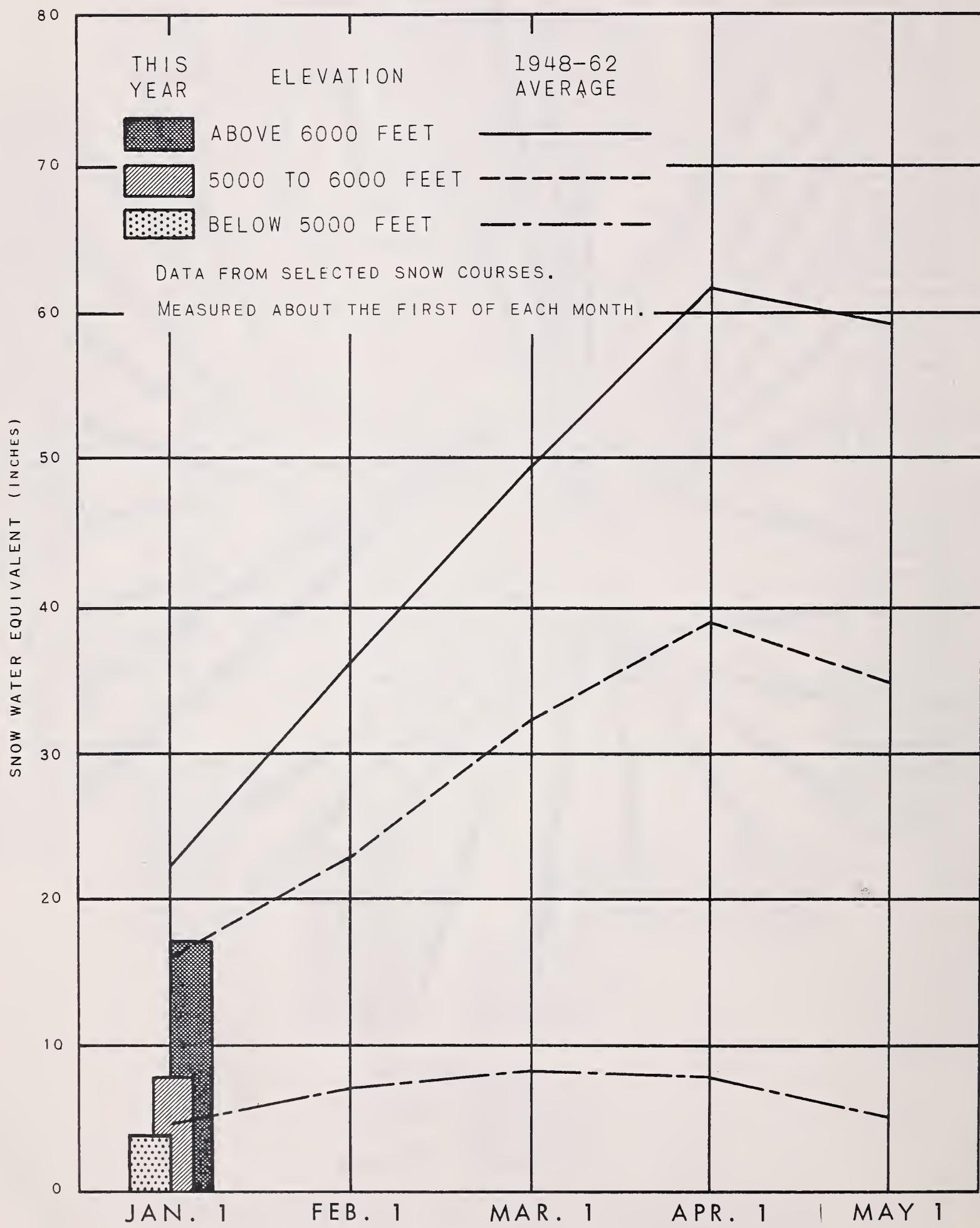
EXPLANATION

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LAKE OWYHEE	---
715.0	Capacity

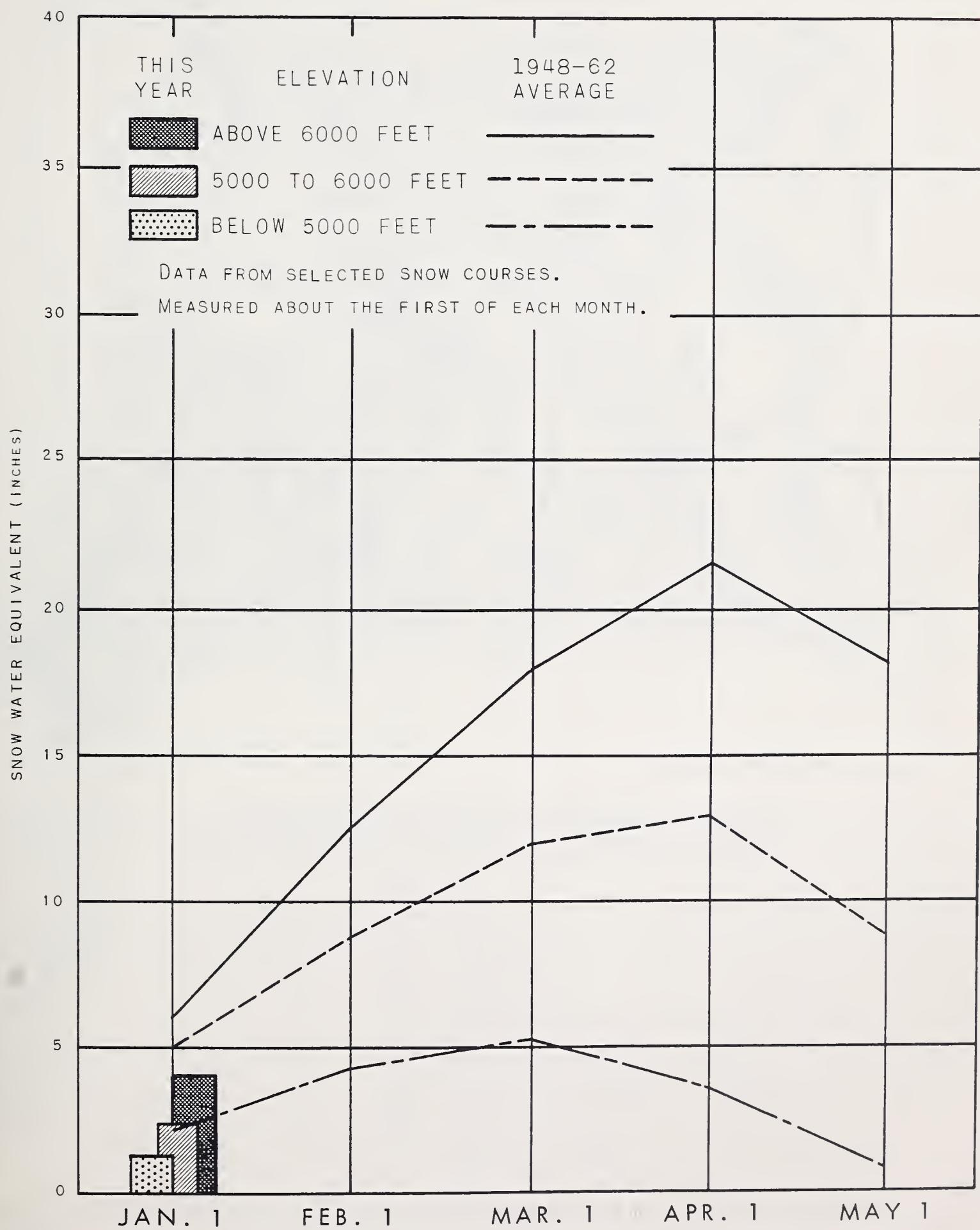
(a) Multiple purpose reservoir - space reserved for flood runoff.
N. R. - No report.

E - Partially estimated.

SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION
IN
OREGON CASCADES
JANUARY 1, 1966

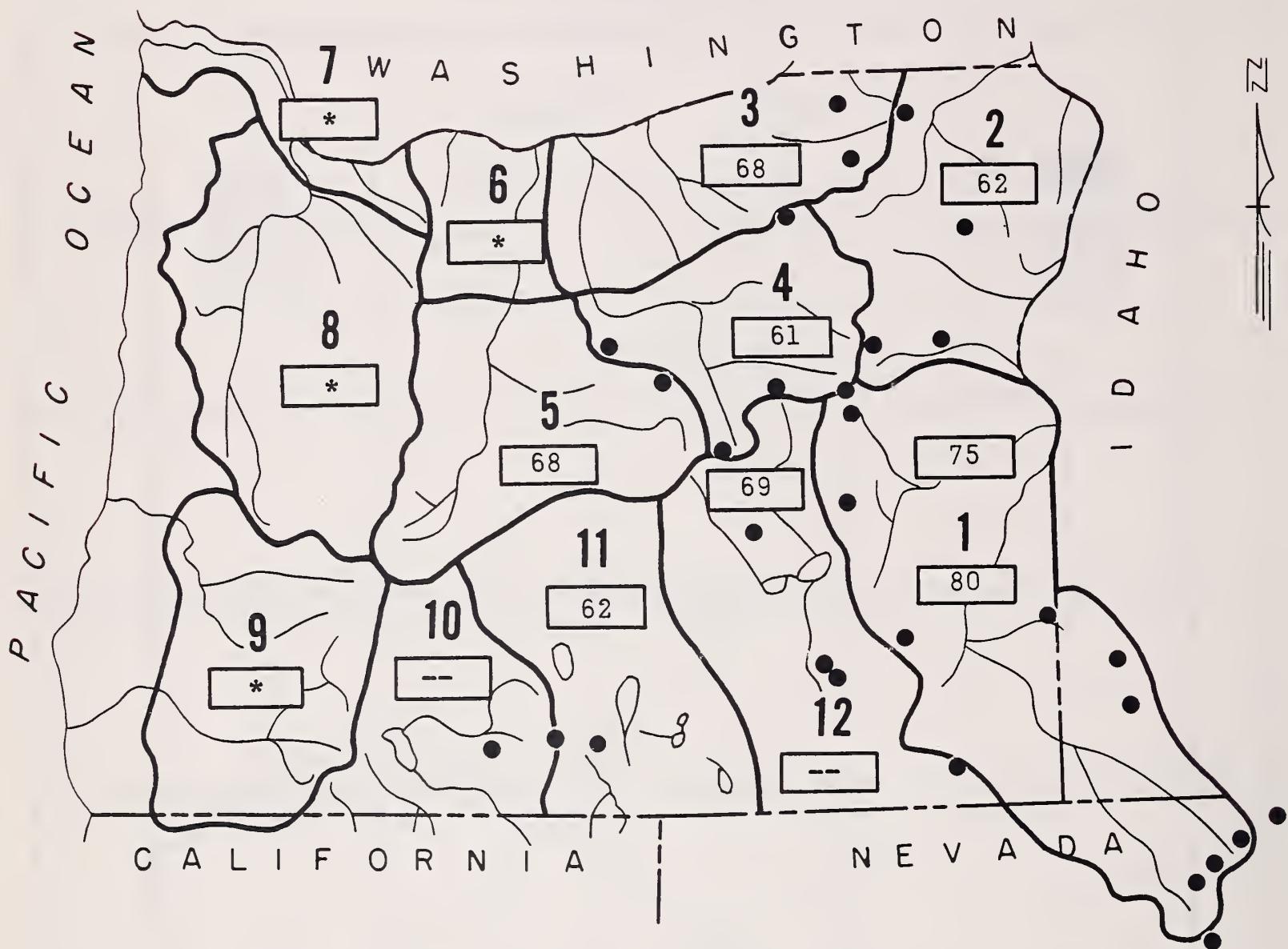


SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION
IN
EASTERN OREGON
JANUARY 1, 1966



MOUNTAIN SOIL MOISTURE in OREGON as percent of capacity

JANUARY 1, 1966

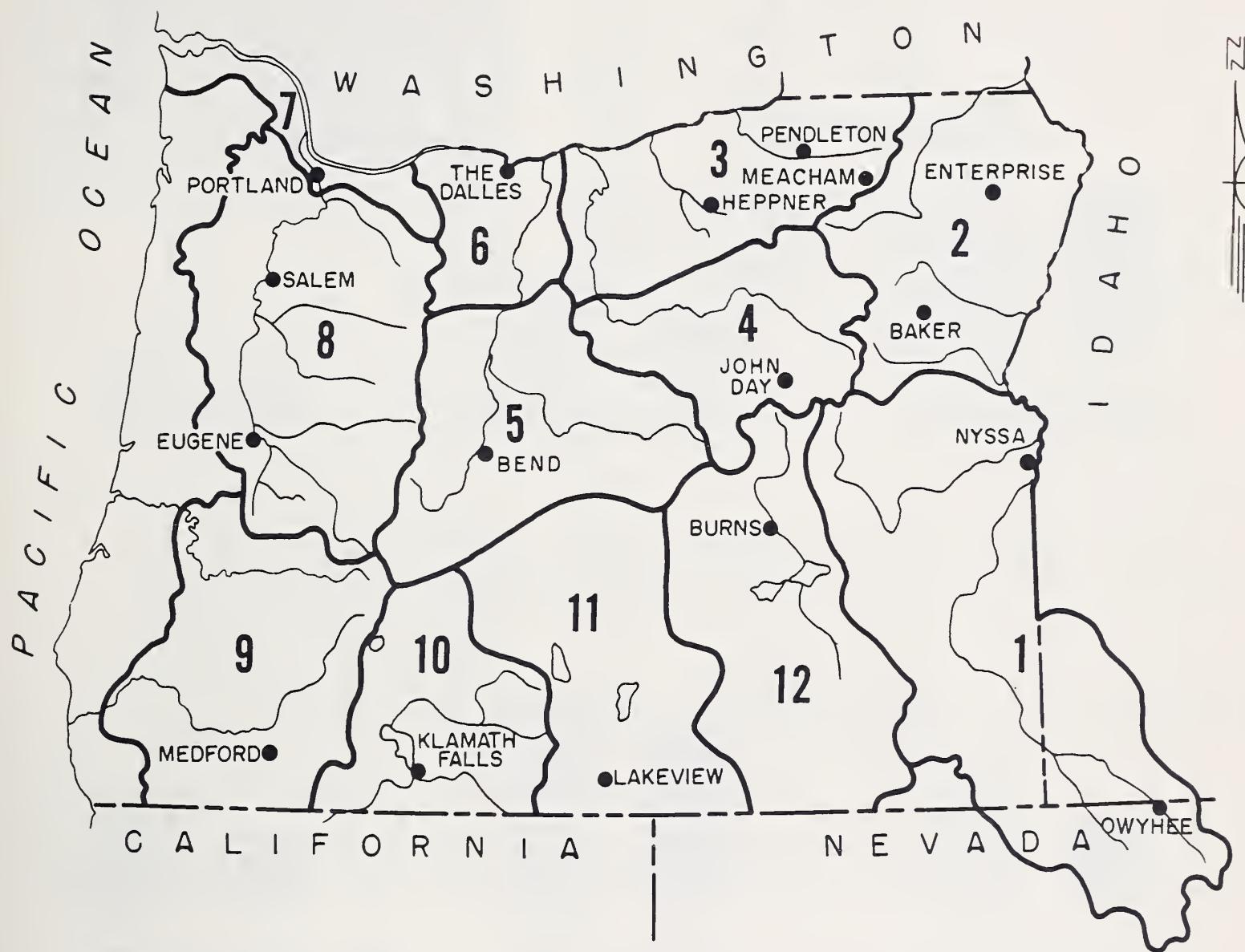


● Soil Moisture Station

*Moisture studies not yet developed in these areas.

VALLEY PRECIPITATION in OREGON ^a

JANUARY 1, 1966



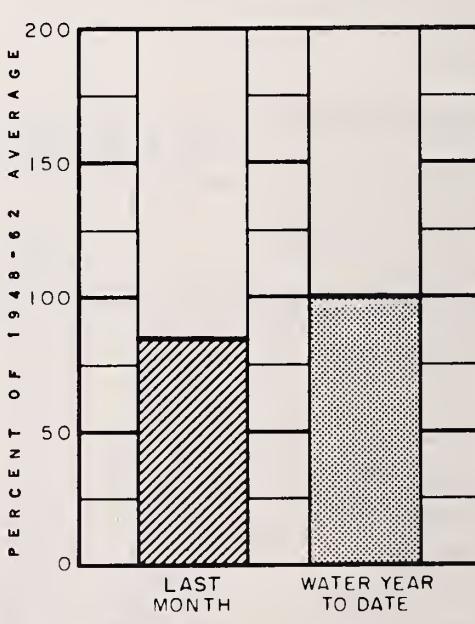
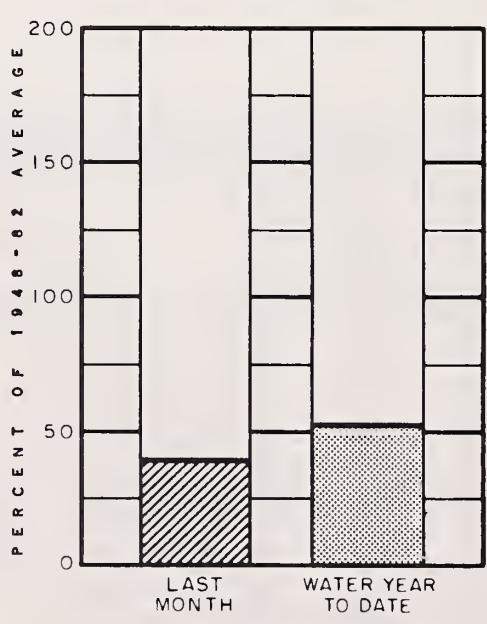
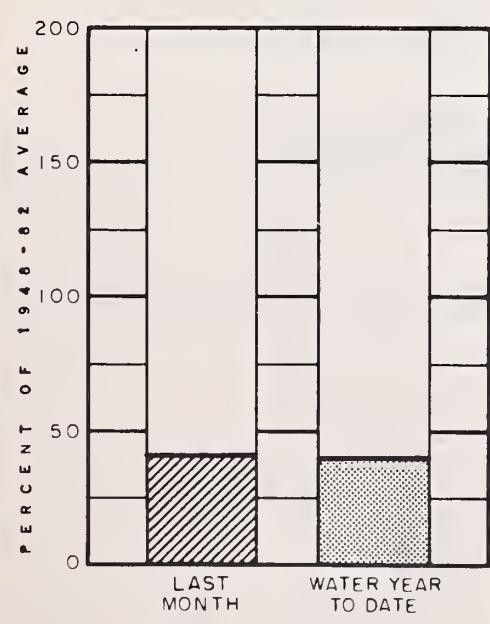
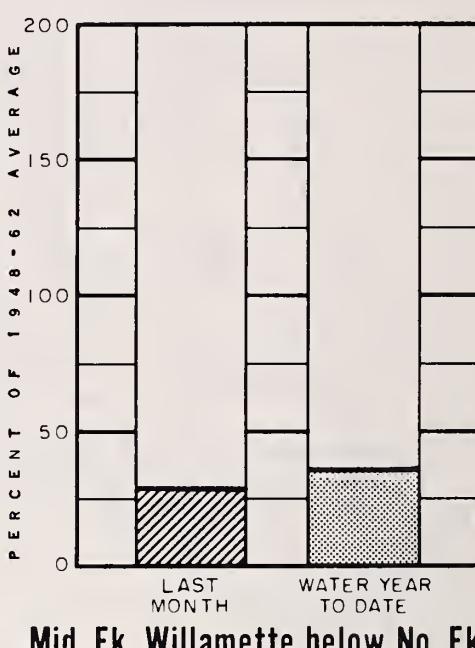
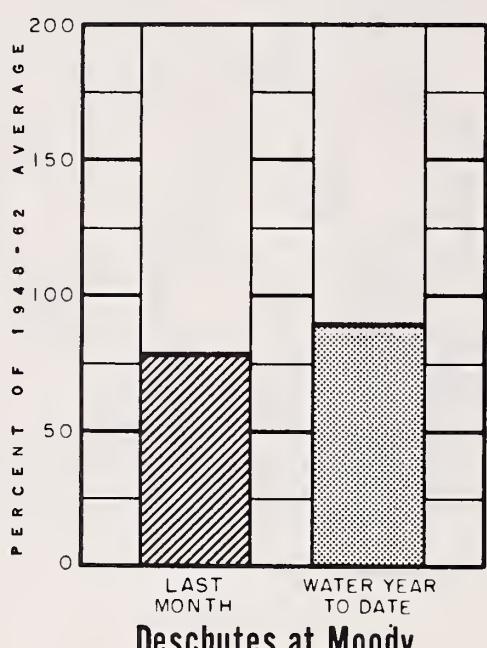
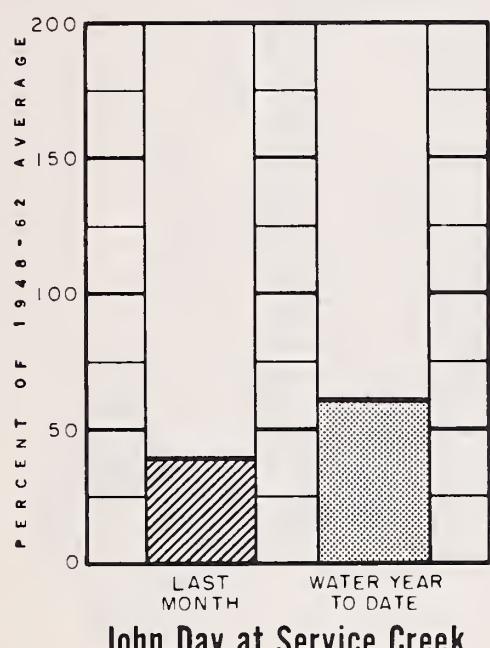
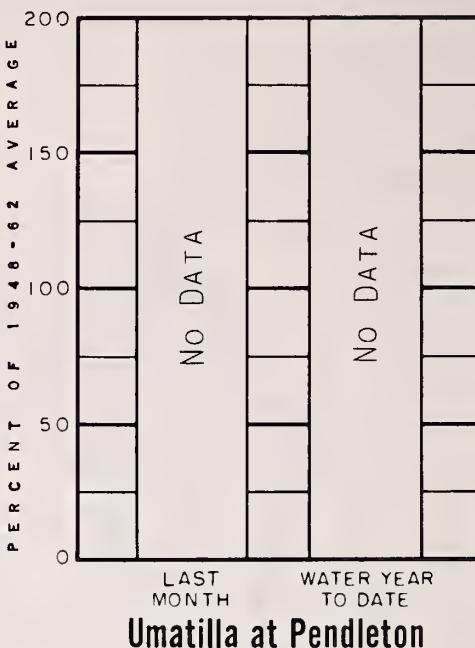
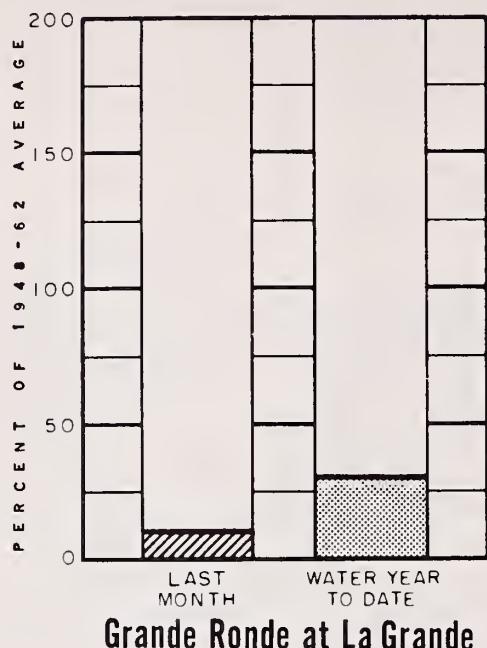
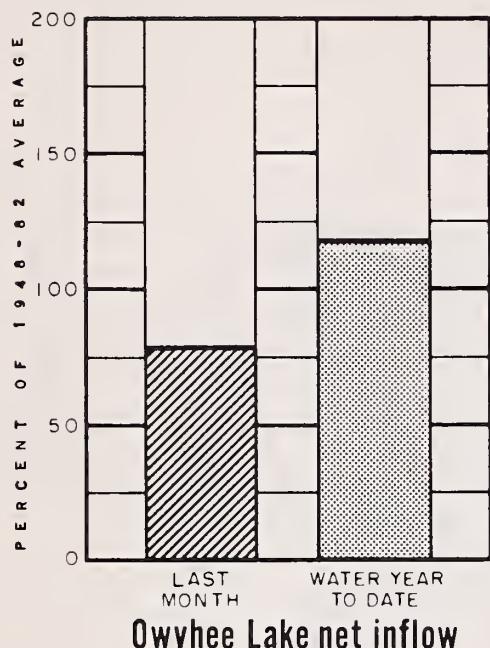
PRECIPITATION as PERCENT of the 1948-62 AVERAGE

STATION	LAST MONTH	WATER YEAR TO DATE ^b	STATION	LAST MONTH	WATER YEAR TO DATE ^b
BAKER APT.	31	48	LAKEVIEW	45	83
BEND	39	54	MEACHAM	35	39
BURNS	52	76	MEDFORD APT.	112	85
ENTERPRISE	14	33	NYSSA	17	92
EUGENE APT.	111	102	PENDLETON APT.	18	58
HEPPNER	23	56	PORTLAND APT.	129	113
JOHN DAY	34	50	SALEM APT.	123	104
KLAMATH FALLS APT.	44	85	THE DALLES	31	58
			OWYHEE (Nev.)	93	96

(a) Preliminary data furnished by the U.S. Weather Bureau. (b) Oct. 1 to date. (c) Report delayed.

CURRENT OREGON STREAMFLOW

JANUARY 1, 1966



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK OWYHEE, MALHEUR WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of

JANUARY 1, 1966

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY ... OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Malheur County farmers, ranchers and other water users can look ahead to good to excellent water supplies in the spring and summer of 1966. Unusually light mountain snowpacks have increased considerably in the recent storms. Stored water supplies are excellent already because of heavy carryover from last year.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack was about 57 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) at the end of December and only 50 percent of the 1965 pack. Recent storms have improved this situation.

SOIL MOISTURE

Watershed soils under the snowpack were wet up to 75 percent of capacity on the Malheur and 80 percent on the Owyhee. Not quite as wet as a year ago.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Owyhee reservoir held 550,140 acre feet on January 1 compared with 639,200 a year ago and a 15-year average storage of 316,500 acre feet. This is an excellent supply.

Warmsprings reservoir held 139,900 acre feet compared with 72,300 acre feet a year ago. Agency Valley reservoir held 22,220 acre feet this year and 33,600 one year ago. Bully Creek reservoir has 17,000 acre feet in storage compared with 21,200 acre feet last year.

A record total of 179,000 acre feet of stored water is already on hand for water users served from the Malheur River as compared with 127,000 acre feet at this date last year. This is nearly three times the usual stored water at this date.

Jordan Valley Irrigation District already has 7,600 acre feet of water stored in Antelope reservoir. This is an excellent start although last year's storage was 21,200 acre feet at this date.

STREAMFLOW

Fair to near average streamflows are expected next spring if snow continues to accumulate in near normal amounts during the balance of the winter.

Flow into Lake Owyhee* has been 117 percent of the average since October 1 but was only 79 percent average in December.

* Preliminary data furnished by North Board of Control, Nyssa, Oregon.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair"
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Boulder Creek		
Bully Creek		
Cow Creek		
Jordan Creek		
Jordan Valley Irrig. Dist.		
McDermitt Creek		
Oregon Canyon Creek		
Owyhee Project		
Succor Creek		
Tenmile Creek		
Vale-Oregon Irrig. Dist.		
Warmsprings Irrig. Dist.		
Willow Creek (Reservoired)		
	Forecasts begin in the February 1 report which will reach you about February 10, 1966.	

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.) January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Agency Valley	60.0	22.2	33.6	17.3
Antelope	55.0	7.6	14.0	--
Bully Creek	30.0	17.0	21.2	--
Owyhee	715.0	550.1	639.2	316.5
Warmsprings	191.0	139.9	72.3	44.7

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	NAME	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD		1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
				FORECAST THIS YEAR	PERIOD		
1780	Jordan Creek above Lone Tree Creek		c	April-July	98		
			c	April-Sept.	98		
2140	Malheur near Drewsey		c	Feb.-July	122		
			c	April-Sept.	82		
2175	Malheur, North Fork at Beulah ^d		c	Feb.-July	79		
			c	April-Sept.	65		
1825	Owyhee Reservoir net Inflow ^k		c	Feb.-July	533		
			c	April-Sept.	381		

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION	PROFILE (Inches)			SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO	
NAME	ELEVATION						
Bear Creek (Nev.)	7800	72	16.8	11-5-65	10.6	8.2 ^f	8.5 ^f
Big Bend (Nev.)	6700	48	16.7	12-28-65	14.6	16.2	--
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	42	16.9	12-28-65	6.6	13.1	7.2
Crane Prairie	5375	48	18.2	12-28-65	14.6	16.0	14.3
Folly Farm	4450	'30	12.5	c			
Jack Creek, Lower (Nev.)	6800	48	8.6	c			
Jordan Valley	4390	48	19.3	11-18-65	14.7	14.7	14.6
Mud Flat (Ida.)	5500	48	12.8	12-28-65	10.8	--	10.2 ^f
Rodeo Flat (Nev.)	6800	42	11.0	12-28-65	10.6	11.0	10.4
Stinking Water Summit	4800	48	21.9	11-19-65	21.4	21.3	20.8
Taylor Canyon	6200	48	15.1	12-29-65	12.4	15.0	12.6 ^f
Triangle (Ida.)	5150	48	16.6	11-16-65	14.4	--	9.6 ^f

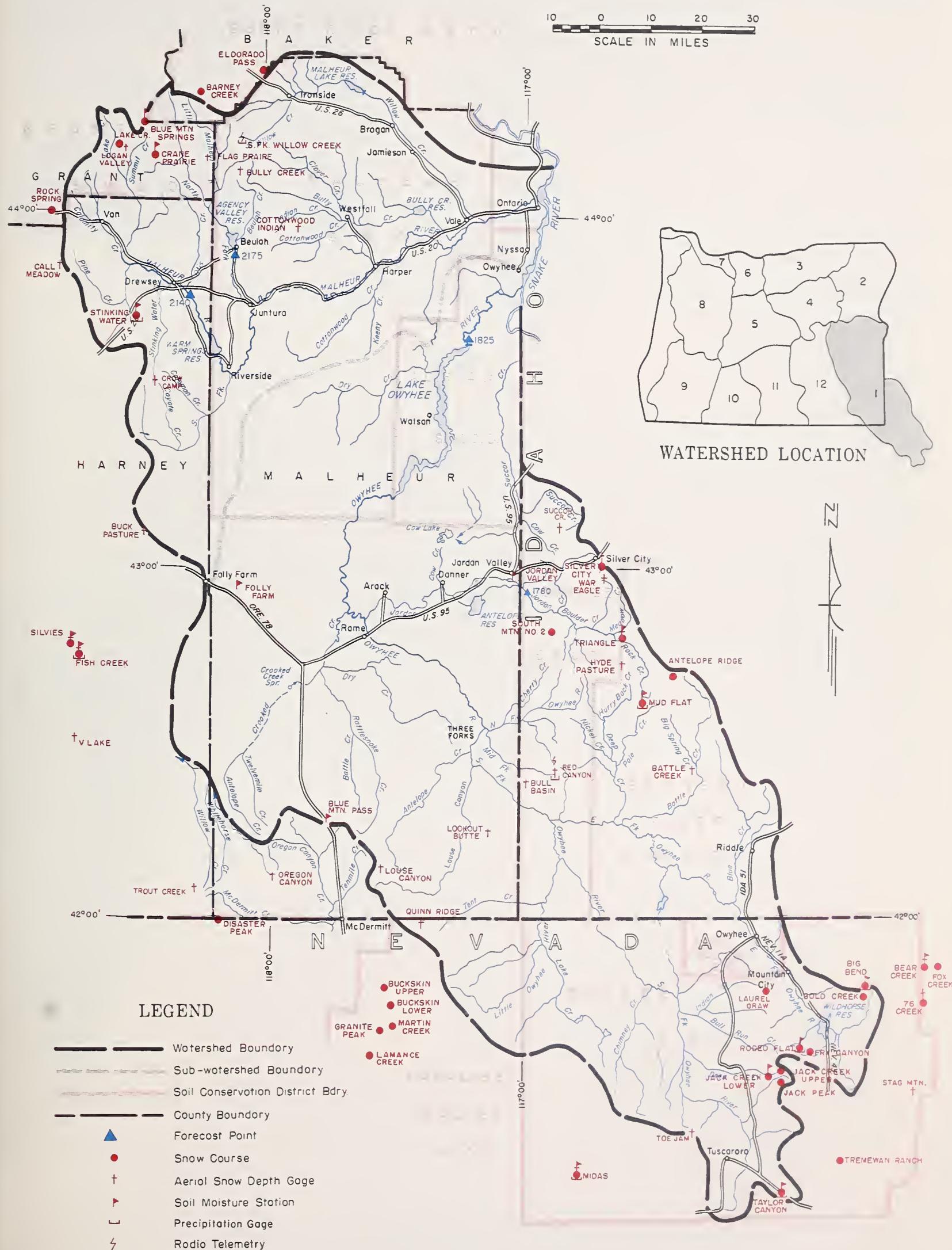
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SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR
NAME	ELEVATION				1948-62 AVERAGE
Antelope Ridge (Ida.)	5900	c			
Barney Creek	5950	c			
Battle Creek ^e (Ida.)	5700	c			
Bear Creek (Nev.)	7800	Report delayed			
Big Bend (Nev.)	6700	12/28	10	1.7 ^j	4.5
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	12/28	15	2.8	11.6
Buck Pasture ^e	5700	c			
Buckskin, Lower (Nev.)	6700	c			
Buckskin, Upper (Nev.)	7200	c			

(a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) No report. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage, water content estimated. (f) Nearest current data. (g) Partly estimated. (h) 1948-62 adjusted average. (i) 1948-62, 15 year average. (j) Telephonic report - data not confirmed. (k) Data from PP&L Co. or USBR records. (l) Ground measurement. (m) Average for 5 or more years in base period.

OWYHEE, MALHEUR WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



WATERSHED LOCATION



Owyhee, Malheur Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
NAME	ELEVATION		SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR
Bull Basin ^e (Ida.)	5600	c				
Bully Creek ^e	5300	c				
Call Meadow ^e	5340	c				
Columbia Basine ^e (Nev.)	6650	c				
Cottonwood-Indian ^e	4320	c				
Crane Prairie	5375	12/28	12	2.2	--	--
Crow Camp ^e	5500	c				
Disaster Peak (Nev.)	6500	c				
Eldorado Pass	4600	12/29	7	1.2	0.6	1.2 ^h
Fawn Creek ^e (Nev.)	7000	c				
Fish Creek	7900	c				
Flag Prairie ^e	4750	c				
Fox Creek (Nev.)	6800	c				
Fry Canyon (Nev.)	6700	12/28	13	2.5 ^j	2.5	3.1 ^h
Gold Creek (Nev.)	6600	12/28	2	0.2 ^j	2.1	2.2 ^h
Granite Peak (Nev.)	7800	c				
Hyde Pasture ^e (Ida.)	5800	c				
Jack Creek, Lower (Nev.)	6800	c				
Jack Creek, Upper (Nev.)	7250	c				
Jack Peak (Nev.)	8420	c				
Lake Creek	5120	12/28	11	2.1	--	--
Logan Valley ^e	5100	c				
Lookout Butte ^e	5650	c				
Louse Canyon ^e	6440	c				
Martin Creek (Nev.)	6700	c				
Merritt Mountain (Nev.)	7000	c				
Midas (Nev.)	7200	c				
Mud Flat (Ida.)	5500	12/28	T	T ^j	--	--
Oregon Canyon ^e	6950	c				
Quinn Ridge ^e (Nev.)	6300	c				
Red Canyon ^e (Ida.)	6500	c				
Rock Spring	5100	12/29	9	0.9	2.2	2.1
Rodeo Flat (Nev.)	6800	12/28	13	2.4 ^j	1.9	3.4 ^h
76 Creek (Nev.)	7100	Report delayed				
Silver City ^e (Ida.)	6400	12/29	15	3.1 ^j	--	6.5 ^m
Silvies	6900	c				
South Mountain #2 (Ida.)	6340	12/29	3	0.5 ^j	8.3	4.5 ^h
Stinking Water	4800	12/28	7	1.3	T	2.0 ^h
Succor Creek ^e (Ida.)	6100	c				
Taylor Canyon (Nev.)	6200	12/29	14	2.3 ^j	1.1	1.8 ^h
Toe Jam ^e (Nev.)	7700	c				
Tremewan Ranch (Nev.)	5700	12/29	11	1.9 ^j	T	0.4 ^h
Triangle ^e (Ida.)	5150	c				
Trout Creek ^e	7800	c				
"V" Lake ^e	6600	c				



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK BURNT, POWDER, PINE, GRANDE RONDE, IMNAHA WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
JANUARY 1, 1966

**U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY ... OREGON STATE ENGINEER**

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Farmers, ranchers, and other water users of Baker, Union, and Wallowa Counties can expect spring and summer water supplies in 1966 to be somewhat below average unless snow accumulates at a faster than average rate for the balance of the winter. This has been the driest corner of the state since October 1 in terms of precipitation compared to the average.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack is only 40 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) and is only 28 percent of last year at this date.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack is only 62 percent of capacity and much snow-melt water will be absorbed as spring runoff begins.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Water stored in reservoirs is nearly double the average. Water held in Unity reservoir is 8,900 acre feet compared with 14,300 a year ago. Wallowa Lake already holds 31,100 acre feet compared with 24,500 last year at this date.

STREAMFLOW

Streamflow next spring and summer will be below average unless snowpacks accumulate at a much greater than average rate.

Provisional data* on the flow of the Grande Ronde River at La Grande reflects the exceptional dryness of this corner of the state. December flow was only 11 percent average while the total flow from October 1 to date has been only 30 percent of the average (1948-62).

* Provisional data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair"
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Alder Slope		
Baker Valley		
Big Creek		
Clover Cr. (nr. N. Powder)		
Cove		
Durkee		
Eagle Valley		
Elgin		
Enterprise-Joseph		
Hereford-Bridgeport		
Imnaha River		
LaGrande-Island City		
Lostine-Wallowa		
No. Powder River-Wolf Cr.		
Pine Valley		
Powder River-Elk Creek		
Summerville		
Sumpter Valley		
Union-Hot Lake		
Unity		
	Forecasts begin in the February 1 report which will reach you about February 10, 1966.	

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.) January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Unity	25.2	8.9	14.3	5.2
Wallowa Lake	37.5	31.1	24.5	17.2

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

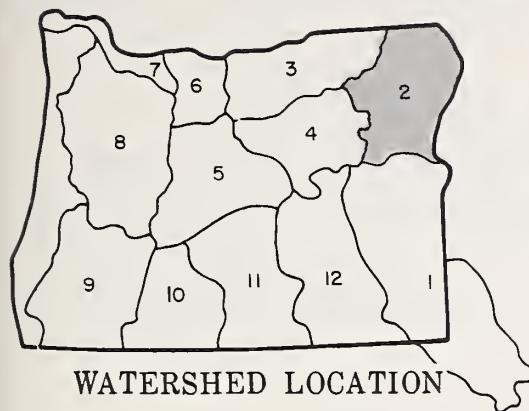
NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE		THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
3305	Bear near Wallowa	c	April-Sept.	72		
2730	Burnt near Hereford ^d	c	Feb.-June	53		
3200	Catherine near Union	c	April-Sept.	41		
3190	Grande Ronde at La Grande	c	April-Sept.	73		
		c	March-Sept.	246		
		c	April-Sept.	203		
3295	Hurricane near Joseph	c	April-Sept.	48		
2920	Imnaha at Imnaha	c	April-Sept.	318		
3300	Lostine near Lostine	c	April-Sept.	131		
2755	Powder near Baker	c	April-July	66		
		c	April-Sept.	67		
3250	Wallowa, East Fork near Joseph ^d	c	Feb.-Sept.	13.4		
		c	April-Sept.	12.0		

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION NAME	ELEVATION	PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)		
		DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Blue Mountain Summit	5100	36	16.8	12-30-65	8.5	11.6
Emigrant Springs	3925	48	22.3	12-30-65	13.1	18.5
Tollgate	5070	48	23.6	12-30-65	17.2	19.3

(a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) No report. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage, water content estimated. (f) Nearest current data. (g) Partly estimated. (h) 1948-62 adjusted average. (i) 1948-62, 15 year average. (j) Telephonic report - data not confirmed. (k) Data from PP&L Co. or USBR records. (m) Average for 5 or more years in base period.

BURNT, POWDER, PINE, GRANDE RONDE, IMNAHA WATERSHEDS



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SCALE IN MILES



LEGEND

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| — | Watershed Boundary |
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| — | County Boundary |
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| ● | Snow Course |
| ■ | Soil Moisture Station |
| ✚ | Aerial Snow Depth Gage |
| 〔〕 | Precipitation Gage |

Burnt, Powder, Pine, Grande Ronde, Imnaha Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
NAME	ELEVATION		SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR
Aneroid Lake #1	7480	c				
Aneroid Lake #2	7300	c				
Anthony Lake	7125	12/29	18	3.5	21.1	11.9
Bald Mountain ^e (Ore.)	6700	c				
Barney Creek	5950	c				
Beaver Reservoir	5340	12/27	8	1.4 ^j	6.6	4.8 ^h
Big Sheep ^e	6200	c				
Blue Mountain Summit	5098	12/30	11	2.1	4.8	3.5
Bourne	5800	c				
County Line	4800	1/1	5	1.2	3.1	2.9 ^h
Dooley Mountain	5430	12/29	9	1.8	5.5	3.5 ^h
Eilertson Meadows	5400	12/29	10	2.3	7.9	5.0 ^h
Eldorado Pass	4600	12/29	7	1.2	0.6	1.2
Gold Center	5340	c				
Goodrich Lake	6775	c				
Intake House	4930	12/29	15	2.8	--	--
Little Alps	6200	12/29	15	2.0	8.9	--
Little Antone	5000	12/29	12	2.0	--	--
Lucky Strike	5050	c				
Meacham	4300	12/30	6	1.9	5.3	3.3 ^h
Mirror Lake ^e	8200	c				
Moss Spring	5850	12/28	13	3.0	13.8	10.9
Power Plant	3990	12/29	7	2.0	--	--
Schneider Meadows	5400	c				
Schoolmarm	4775	1/1	4	0.9	1.8	2.6 ^h
Standley	7400	c				
Taylor Green	5740	c				
Tipton	5100	12/30	13	2.5	5.9	4.9 ^h
Tollgate	5070	12/30	20	3.7	12.8	9.6 ^h
TV Ridge	7000	c				



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UMATILLA, WALLA WALLA, WILLOW, ROCK, LOWER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS

OREGON

as of
JANUARY 1, 1966

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Farmers, ranchers, and other water users in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam Counties can expect spring and summer water supplies in 1966 to be slightly below average unless snow accumulates at a faster than average rate for the balance of the winter. Stored water supplies are fairly satisfactory but watershed soils are probably much drier than average. Precipitation has been much below average.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack at the end of December was only 45 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) and only 30 percent of last year on this date. Early January storms brought some increase but heavy storms are needed if the snowpack is to accumulate to an average condition.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack was only 68 percent of capacity at the end of December. Soils probably absorbed some of the rain which came from early January storms but complete recharge will not come until spring snow melt when soils will have to soak up part of the runoff.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Stored water supplies are well above average in McKay reservoir due to an excellent carryover from last season. There now are 24,500 acre feet in storage compared with 30,800 acre feet last year and an average figure of 19,900 acre feet.

Cold Springs reservoir contains 15,200 acre feet compared with 22,200 a year ago and 20,900 acre feet which is the average figure.

STREAMFLOW

Spring and summer flow of streams in this mid-Columbia area is expected to be below average. This picture will brighten only if above average snow accumulation occurs during the remainder of the winter season.

One indication of the dryness of the watersheds in northeastern Oregon is the extremely low flow of the Grande Ronde* River at La Grande. That stream flowed only 11 percent of the average (1948-62) in December and the total flow from October 1 to January 1 was only 30 percent average.

* Preliminary data from U. S. Geological Survey, La Grande, Oregon.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair"
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Birch Creek		
Butter Creek		
Dry Creek		
Dugger Creek		
Johnson Creek		
McKay Creek		
Mill Creek		
Mud Creek		
Pine Creek		
Rhea Creek		
Rock Creek		
Umatilla R. (Cold Springs Reservoir)		
Umatilla River, Main		
Umatilla River (McKay Res.)		
Walla Walla River, Little		
Walla Walla River, Main		
Walla Walla River, No. Fk.		
Walla Walla River, So. Fk.		
Willow Creek		

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RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.) January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Cold Springs McKay	50.0 73.8	15.2 24.5	22.2 30.8	20.9 19.9

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a(1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE		THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
				1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ	
0320	Butter Creek near Pine City	c	March-July	14.5		
0225	McKay near Pilot Rock	c	Feb.-July	62		
0200	Umatilla near Gibbon	c	April-Sept.	32		
0210	Umatilla at Pendleton	c	March-Sept.	116		
0100	Walla Walla, South Fork near Milton	c	April-Sept.	93		
		c	March-Sept.	247		
		c	April-Sept.	183		
		c	March-Sept.	89		
		c	April-Sept.	76		

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION NAME	ELEVATION	PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)		
		DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS	LAST
					YEAR	YEAR
Athena-Weston	1700	48	18.7	12-30-65	12.0	14.4
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	48	13.8	12-30-65	10.9	12.1
Emigrant Springs	3925	48	22.3	12-30-65	13.1	18.5
Tollgate	5070	48	23.6	12-30-65	17.2	19.3

SNOW

SNOW COURSE NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
			SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR
Arbuckle Mountain	5400	c				
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	12/30	5	0.8	1.4	--
Blue Mountain Camp	4300	12/30	12	2.0	8.8	--
Emigrant Springs	3925	12/30	6	1.3	3.3	2.3 ^h
Lucky Strike	5050	c				
Meacham	4300	12/30	6	1.9	5.3	3.3 ^h
Tollgate	5070	12/30	20	3.7	12.8	9.6 ^h
Weston Mountain	2700	12/30	0	0.0	0.2	--

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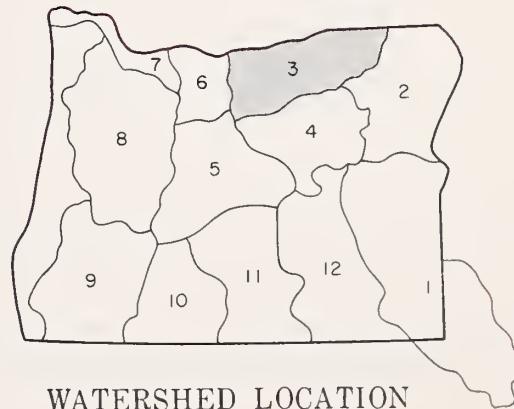
UMATILLA, WALLA WALLA, WILLOW, ROCK, LOWER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- Sub-watershed Boundary
- Soil Conservation District Bdry.
- County Boundary
- ▲ Forecast Point
- Snow Course
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- Precipitation Gage



WATERSHED LOCATION

Umatilla, Walla Walla, Willow, Rock, Lower John Day Watersheds

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UPPER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS OREGON

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Farmers, ranchers, and other water users in Grant and Wheeler Counties in the John Day country can expect spring and summer water supplies in 1966 to be somewhat below average unless snow accumulates at a faster than average rate for the balance of the winter. Precipitation has been much below average in this portion of the state since October 1. Early January storms eased the situation somewhat.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack at the end of December is only 45 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) and is only 31 percent of last year on this date.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack is only 61 percent of capacity and much snow-melt water will be absorbed as spring runoff begins.

STREAMFLOW

Spring and summer streamflow in the John Day country will probably be below average unless snowpacks accumulate at a greater than average rate.

Flow of the John Day River at Service Creek* was only 34 percent of average in December, whereas, the total flow since October 1 has been about 50 percent of the average.

* Preliminary data from U. S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair"
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Beech Creek		
Beech Creek-Fox-Long Cr.		
Bridge-Mountain Creeks		
Camas Creek		
Cherry Creek		
Indian-Pine Creeks		
John Day River, Main Fork		
John Day River, Mid. Fork		
John Day River, N. Fork		
John Day River, S. Fork		
Monument-Kimberly		
Strawberry Creek		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a(1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE		THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
				1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ	
0385	John Day at Prairie City	c	March-July	56		
		c	April-Sept.	51		
0440	John Day, Middle Fork at Ritter	c	March-July	153		
		c	April-Sept.	131		
0375	Strawberry near Prairie City	c	March-July	8.2		
		c	April-Sept.	8.8		

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION NAME	PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	48	13.8	12-30-65	10.9	12.1
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	42	16.9	12-28-65	6.6	13.1
Blue Mountain Summit	5100	36	16.8	12-30-65	8.5	11.6
Derr	5670	24	9.0	c		
Marks Creek	4540	36	14.1	12-29-65	9.5	13.7
Snow Mountain	6300	48	16.7	12-28-65	11.6	16.3
Starr Ridge	5150	36	10.6	12-28-65	7.5	10.4

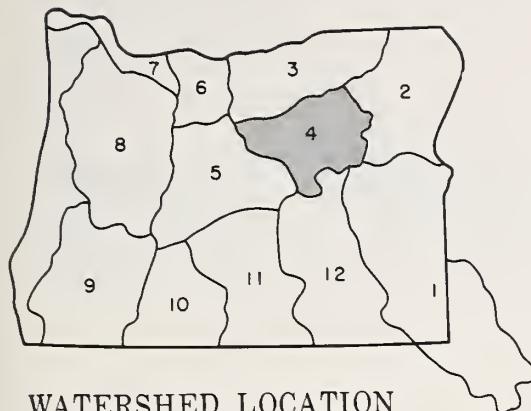
SNOW

SNOW COURSE NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
					LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Anthony Lake	7125	12/29	18	3.5	21.1	11.9		
Arbuckle Mountain	5400	c						
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	12/30	5	0.8	1.4	--		
Beech Creek Summit	4800	12/27	8	1.0	1.3	2.0 ^h		
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	12/28	15	2.8	11.6	6.0 ^h		
Blue Mountain Summit	5098	12/30	11	2.1	4.8	3.5		
Derr	5670	c						
East Fork Canyon ^e	5700	c						
Gold Center	5340	c						
Indian Creek Butte ^e	6550	c						
Izee Summit	5293	12/27	12	1.8	4.7	3.1 ^h		
Lucky Strike	5050	c						
Marks Creek	4540	12/29	7	1.0	1.8	1.4 ^m		
Ochoco Meadows	5200	c						
Olive Lake	6000	1/1	27	4.0	--	8.3 ^h		
Schoolmarm	4775	1/6	4	0.9	1.8	2.6 ^h		
Snow Mountain	6300	12/28	13	2.7	9.9	--		
Starr Ridge	5150	12/27	10	1.2	4.2	2.4 ^h		
Tipton	5100	12/30	13	2.5	5.9	4.9 ^h		
Williams Ranch	4500	12/28	5	0.7	0.2	--		

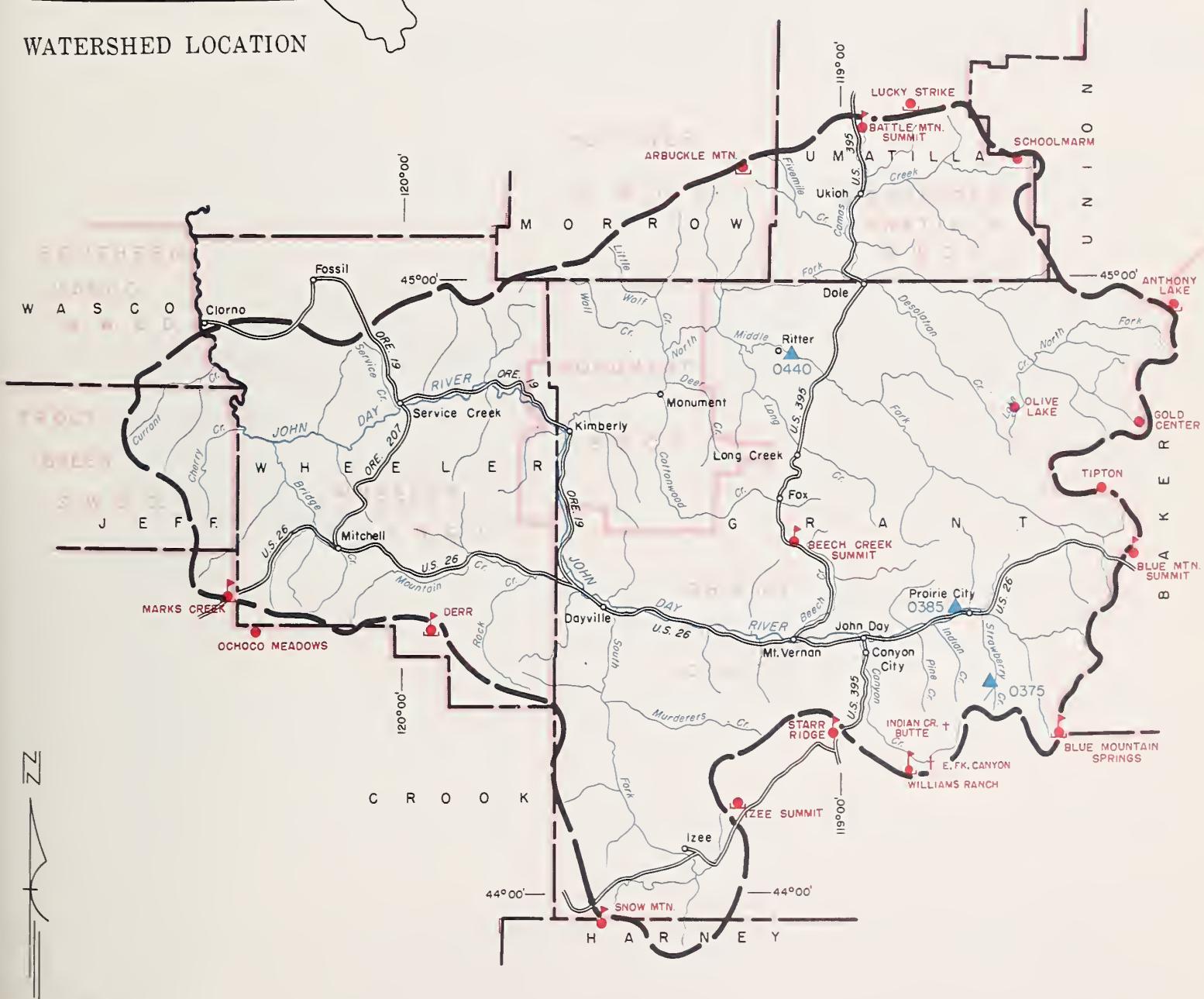
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UPPER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



WATERSHED LOCATION



LEGEND

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| — — — — — | Watershed Boundary |
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| □ | Precipitation Gage |

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UPPER DESCHUTES, CROOKED WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
JANUARY 1, 1966

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Farmers, ranchers, and other water users in Crook, Jefferson, and Deschutes Counties can look ahead to water supplies that will be good to excellent in the spring and summer of 1966.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack at the end of December was 71 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) on Crooked River watersheds and 78 percent average on the Deschutes. The snow is less than half of that measured a year ago but has increased considerably in the early January storms.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack is about average for this date but is considerably less than a year ago when a chinook and rains provided an early recharge of the soils.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Carryover storage in local reservoirs brightens greatly the irrigation outlook for this mid-Oregon agricultural area. Present storage is now 124 percent average on the Crooked and 134 percent average on the Deschutes.

Wickiup reservoir is nearly full with 182,800 acre feet now in storage. Crane Prairie holds 45,300 acre feet compared with 56,900 acre feet a year ago. Crescent Lake reports a total of 65,000 acre feet compared with 60,100 following last year's Christmas week flood.

Ochoco reservoir holds 22,600 acre feet compared with 39,700 last year and Prineville reservoir has 92,600 acre feet in storage compared to 151,500 acre feet which nearly filled that reservoir a year ago.

STREAMFLOW

Spring and summer streamflow in the Deschutes-Crooked area is expected to be near average if snow continues to accumulate at the average rate for the balance of the winter.

Flow of the Deschutes River at Moody* was about 79 percent of the 15-year average in December, whereas, the total flow since October 1 has been about 89 percent of the average.

* Preliminary data from U. S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Fair", "Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Arnold Irrigation District		
Bear Creek		
Beaver Creek		
Camp Creek		
Central Ore. Irrig. Dist.		
Crooked River		
Deschutes River		
Hay-Trout Creeks		
Lone Pine Irrig. Dist.		
Mill Creek		
North Unit Irrig. Dist.		
Ochoco Creek		
Sisters Irrigation Dist.		
Snow Creek Irrig. Dist.		
Squaw Creek Irrig. Dist.		
Swalley Ditch		
Tumalo Project		
Walker Basin Irrig. Dist.		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.) January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Crane Prairie	55.3	45.3	56.9	37.1
Crescent Lake	117.2*	65.0	60.1	46.9
Ochoco	47.5	22.6	39.7	17.5
Prineville	153.0	92.6	151.5	--
Wickiup	200.0	182.8	117.2	135.5

*Includes space for 25,790 a.f. for flood storage only.

Note: Current storage figure for Crescent Lake includes 5360 acre feet of known dead and inactive storage.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a(1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE		THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
				FORECAST THIS YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE	
0535	Crane Prairie Reservoir total inflow	c	April-Sept.	143		
0600	Crescent at Crescent Lake ^d	c	March-July	30		
0795	Crooked near Post	c	April-Sept.	33		
0645	Deschutes at Benham Falls ^d	c	Feb.-July	201		
0500	Deschutes below Snow Creek	c	April-Sept.	125		
0630	Deschutes, Little near Lapine ^d	c	April-July	417		
0848	Ochoco Reservoir net Inflow	c	April-Sept.	631		
0555	Odell near Crescent	c	Feb.-Sept.	89		
0750	Squaw near Sisters	c	April-Sept.	75		
0730	Tumalo near Bend ^d	c	Feb.-July	130		
		c	April-Sept.	113		
		c	Feb.-June	50		
		c	April-Sept.	32		
		c	April-Sept.	34		
		c	April-Sept.	56		
		c	April-Sept.	54		

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION	PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
	DEPTH.	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
NAME	ELEVATION					
Derr	5670	24	9.0	c		
Marks Creek	4540	36	14.1	12-29-65	9.5	13.7
Snow Mountain	6300	48	16.7	12-28-65	11.6	16.3
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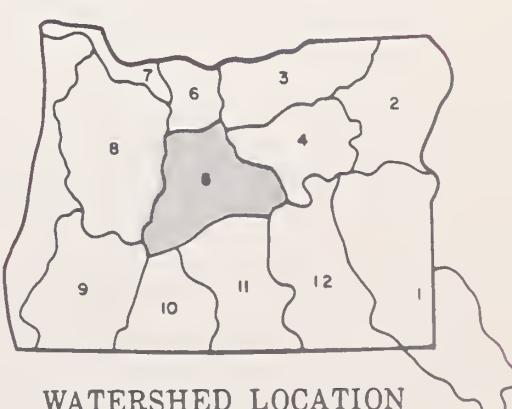
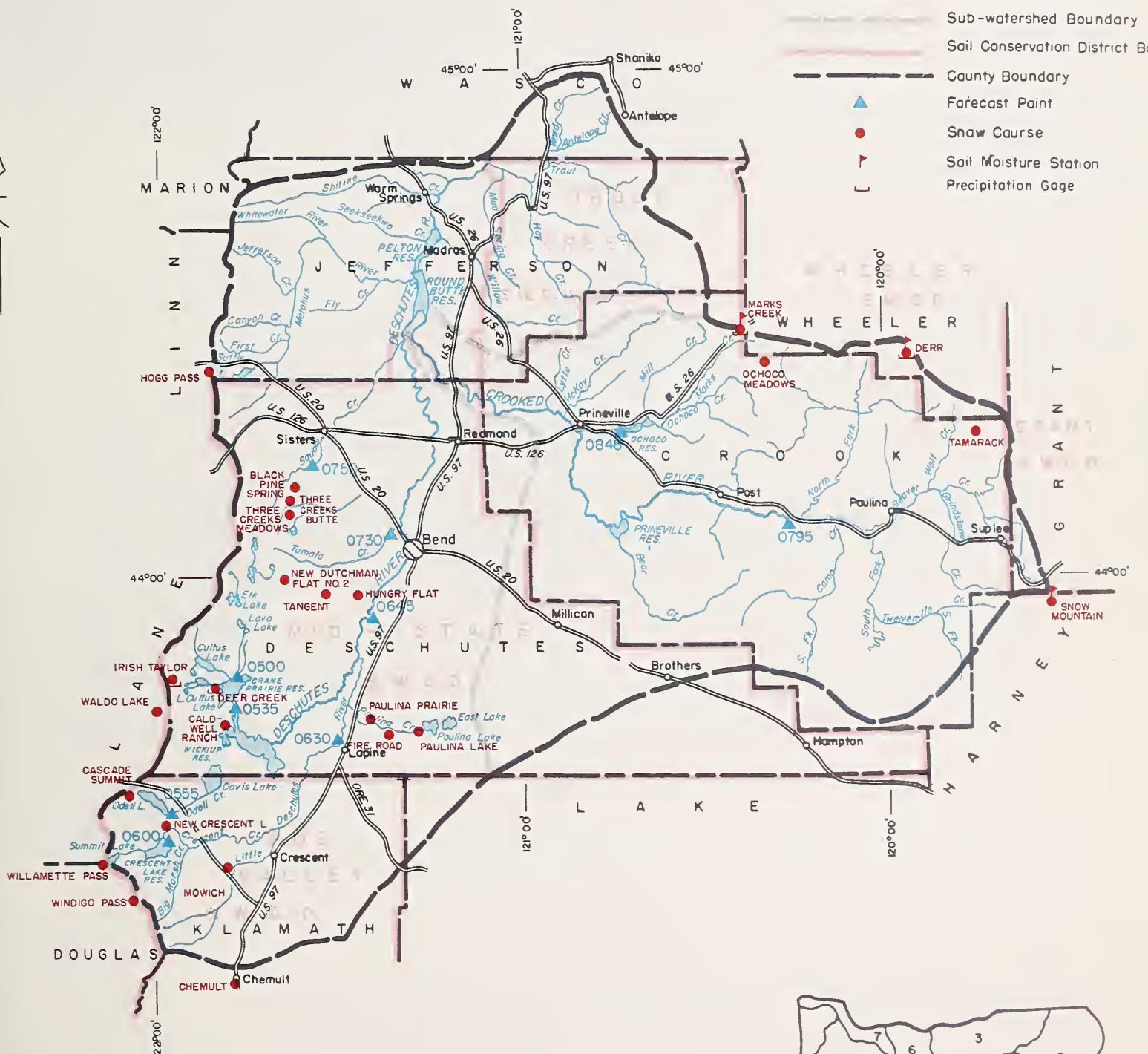
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UPPER DESCHUTES, CROOKED WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES

LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- Sub-watershed Boundary
- Soil Conservation District Bdry.
- County Boundary
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WATERSHED LOCATION

Upper Deschutes, Crooked Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR
NAME	ELEVATION					1948-62 AVERAGE
Black Pine Spring	4600	c				
Caldwell Ranch	4400	c				
Cascade Summit	4880	12/30	43	7.8	20.2	13.2 ^h
Chemult	4760	12/29	27	5.2	4.3	4.8
Deer Creek	4554	c				
Derr	5670	c				
Fire Road	5050	c				
Hogg Pass	4755	12/30	73	14.1	25.4	16.6
Hungry Flat	4400	12/30	20	3.3	--	--
Irish Taylor	5500	c				
Marks Creek	4540	12/29	7	1.0	1.8	1.4 ^m
Mowich	4700	c				
New Crescent Lake	4800	c				
New Dutchman Flat #2	6400	12/30	63	14.3	--	--
Ochoco Meadows	5200	c				
Paulina Lake	6330	c				
Paulina Prairie	4285	c				
Snow Mountain	6300	12/28	13	2.7	9.9	--
Tamarack	4800	c				
Tangent	5400	12/30	48	8.0	--	--
Three Creeks Meadows	5650	c				
Waldo Lake	5500	c				
Willamette Pass	5600	c				
Windigo Pass	5800	c				



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK HOOD, MILE CREEKS, LOWER DESCHUTES WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
JANUARY 1, 1966

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Generous amounts of low-elevation snow has posed much inconvenience to Hood River-Wasco County residents but they can be pleased in the fact that excessive snow conditions have brought real improvement in the water supply outlook for 1966.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack at the end of December was only 53 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) but has been increased considerably by early January storms.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil at low and median elevations is excellent. Higher up on the watershed the snowpack lies on soils that have about average moisture and contain some frost in the top several inches. Some snow-melt water will be soaked up by upper watershed soils when spring runoff begins.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Clear Lake reservoir, also known as Wasco Lake, was reported to have stored no water so far this winter. Last year there were 3,200 acre feet already in storage due mainly to the flood runoff.

STREAMFLOW

Similar to many other streams in the north and northeast portions of the state the flow of Hood River-Wasco County streams have been much below average in the period since October 1, 1965.

Spring and summer streamflow is expected to be somewhat below average in 1966 unless snow accumulates at a greater than average rate for the balance of the winter.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair"
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Aldridge Ditch		
Badger Creek		
Dee Irrigation District		
East Fork Irrig. Dist.		
Farmers Irrigation Dist.		
Hood River Irrig. Dist.		
Juniper Flat		
Middle Fork Irrig. Dist.		
Mile Creeks		
Mill Creek		
Mount Hood Irrig. Dist.		
Rock-Gate-Threemile Crs.		
Tygh Creek		
White River		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Clear Lake	11.8	0.0	3.2	--

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
				AVERAGE	
1210	Hood River near Hood River ^d	c	March-Sept.	477	
		c	April-Sept.	381	
1185	Hood, West Fork near Dee	c	March-Sept.	222	
		c	April-Sept.	179	
1015	White below Tygh Valley.	c	April-July	158	
		c	April-Sept.	176	

SNOW

SNOW COURSE	CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		
	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)
					LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Brooks Meadows	4300	c				
Clear Lake	3500	12/29	17	3.0	6.2	3.4 ^h
Clear Lake (Experimental)	3500	12/29	27	4.9	8.9	--
Cooper Spur	3490	1/4	54	10.4	7.9	--
Greenpoint Reservoir	3400	c				
Knebal Springs	3850	c				
Lambert Point	7000	c				
Parkdale	1770	1/4	26	5.4	1.7	--
Phlox Point	5600	12/29	63	14.0	28.2	27.2
Red Hill	4400	c				
Still Creek	3700	12/29	30	5.1	10.0	10.8
Switchback	3255	c				
Tilly Jane	6000	c				
Ulrich Ranch Junction	3350	c				
Umbrella Falls	5400	12/19	26	9.0	--	--
Upper Valley	2530	1/4	32	8.0	4.0	--

(a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) No report. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage, water content estimated. (f) Nearest current data. (g) Partly estimated. (h) 1948-62 adjusted average. (i) 1948-62, 15 year average. (j) Telephonic report - data not confirmed. (k) Data from PP&L Co. or USBR records. (m) Average for 5 or more years in base period.

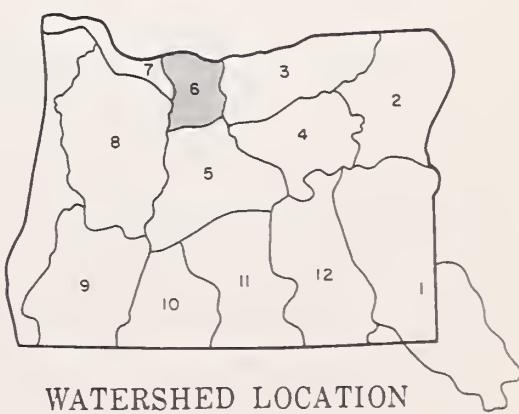
HOOD, MILE CREEKS, LOWER DESCHUTES WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- Sub-watershed Boundary
- Soil Conservation District Bdry
- County Boundary
- ▲ Forecast Point
- Snow Course
- † Aerial Snow Depth Gage
- Soil Moisture Station
- [Precipitation Gage



WATERSHED LOCATION

Hood, Mile Creeks, Lower Deschutes Watersheds

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK LOWER COLUMBIA WATERSHEDS OREGON



as of

JANUARY 1, 1966

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

As of this early-winter date, water supply outlook is good throughout the Columbia Basin for both irrigation and power. Streamflow forecasts based on snow surveys are not made on this early date, but present prospects (including storms of early January) are for at least average summer flow for most streams. Much of the seasonal snowfall is yet to occur. Carryover storage for irrigation is well above average except on the Yakima where storage is near average. All major reservoirs are expected to fill. If snowfall for the remainder of the season is average or greater, some winter releases will be in order.

SNOW COVER

Snow cover up to late December was extremely light. A limited schedule of snow surveys made near January 1 indicated a snowpack of 50 to 75 percent of average to that date in the United States section of the basin and near average in Canada. Storms since the first of January have brought seasonal snowpacks up to almost average at high elevations and probably above average at lower elevations in the Cascades.

SOIL MOISTURE

Soil moisture tends to be above average in most of the basin but soils are not saturated. In Oregon the soils under the snowpack are about average in moisture content. Some of the lack of early season snowpack was caused by high temperature during storm periods with rain instead of snow on mountain soils.

STREAMFLOW

The flow of the Columbia at The Dalles, Oregon* has been slightly below average during the fall and early winter months. The record by months at The Dalles is as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Percent of Average Discharge (1948-62)</u>
October	93 (Adjusted for storage)
November	95 " " "
December	87 " " "

* Preliminary data furnished by Current Records Center, U. S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon.

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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a(1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
NO.	NAME				
1057	Columbia at The Dalles	c	April-June April-Sept.	74,100 108,500	
		c			

HISTORICAL DATA (Columbia River at The Dalles)

YEAR	STREAMFLOW ^d (1,000 A.F.)			PEAK (1,000 c.f.s.)	DATE
	APR.—SEPT.	APR.—JUNE	MAY—JUNE		
1943	115,000	75,300	52,400	541	June 21
1944	61,900	39,200	32,100	326	June 19
1945	81,600	54,600	47,300	505	June 8
1946	108,100	75,400	59,600	581	May 30
1947	100,300	70,000	56,800	536	May 11
1948	130,500	94,600	81,900	999	May 31
1949	95,700	71,400	56,000	622	May 18
1950	120,400	74,700	61,200	744	June 25
1951	113,000	75,600	59,100	597	May 26
1952	107,700	77,500	57,300	557	May 28
1953	100,600	64,900	55,800	609	June 17
1954	119,500	70,500	59,300	561	May 23
1955	99,500	58,300	50,300	545	June 26
1956	131,400	96,900	75,800	815	June 3
1957	105,700	80,500	67,200	700	May 22
1958	97,700	72,000	58,600	593	May 31
1959	112,500	71,900	58,900	555	June 23
1960	97,000	64,000	48,000	442	June 6
1961	101,400	74,400	64,000	699	June 8
1962	94,600	64,100	49,200	460	June 5
1948-62 Avg.	108,500	74,100	60,200	633	
1963	87,000	56,300	46,200	437	June 18
1964	109,020	70,739	61,313	662	June 18

LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER FLOOD STAGES (with 9.5' tide at Astoria)

VANCOUVER GAGE (Weather Bu.)	FLOW AT THE DALLES (1,000 c.f.s.)	DRAINAGE DISTRICT PUMPHOUSE						
		SANDY	SAUVIE ISL.	SCAPPOOSE	DEER ISL.	RAINIER	BEAVER	WOODSON
35 (1894)	1210	41.2	34.2	33.3	28.5	21.9	17.5	15.5
34	1160	40.5	33.5	32.5	27.7	21.2	17.0	15.0
33	1100	39.6	32.4	31.4	26.7	20.2	16.1	14.3
32	1050	38.9	31.5	30.5	25.7	19.5	15.4	13.7
31 (1948)	1000	38.0	30.7	29.5	25.1	18.8	14.7	13.0
30	943	36.6	29.5	28.5	24.3	18.1	14.0	12.4
29	897	35.5	28.5	27.7	23.7	17.5	13.4	11.8
28	853	34.3	27.5	26.7	22.8	17.0	13.0	11.4
27 (1956)	811	33.0	26.5	25.6	21.8	16.2	12.5	11.0
26 (1950)	771	32.1	25.5	24.6	20.9	15.5	12.2	10.7
25	733	30.7	24.2	23.2	19.7	14.6	11.7	10.3
24	697	29.7	23.0	22.2	19.0	14.1	11.4	10.2
23	662	29.0	22.3	21.4	18.4	13.6	11.2	10.0
22	628	28.1	21.4	20.3	17.2	13.0	10.9	9.7
21	595	27.2	20.7	19.5	16.4	12.6	10.6	9.6
20 (1954)	564	26.2	19.8	18.6	15.5	12.1	10.2	9.4
19	534	25.5	19.2	18.0	15.0	11.8	10.0	9.3
18	501	24.4	18.3	17.2	14.3	11.4	9.8	9.1
17	479	23.4	17.4	16.4	13.7	11.0	9.6	8.9
16	452	22.4	16.5	15.5	13.0	10.5	9.3	8.7

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LOWER COLUMBIA WATERSHEDS

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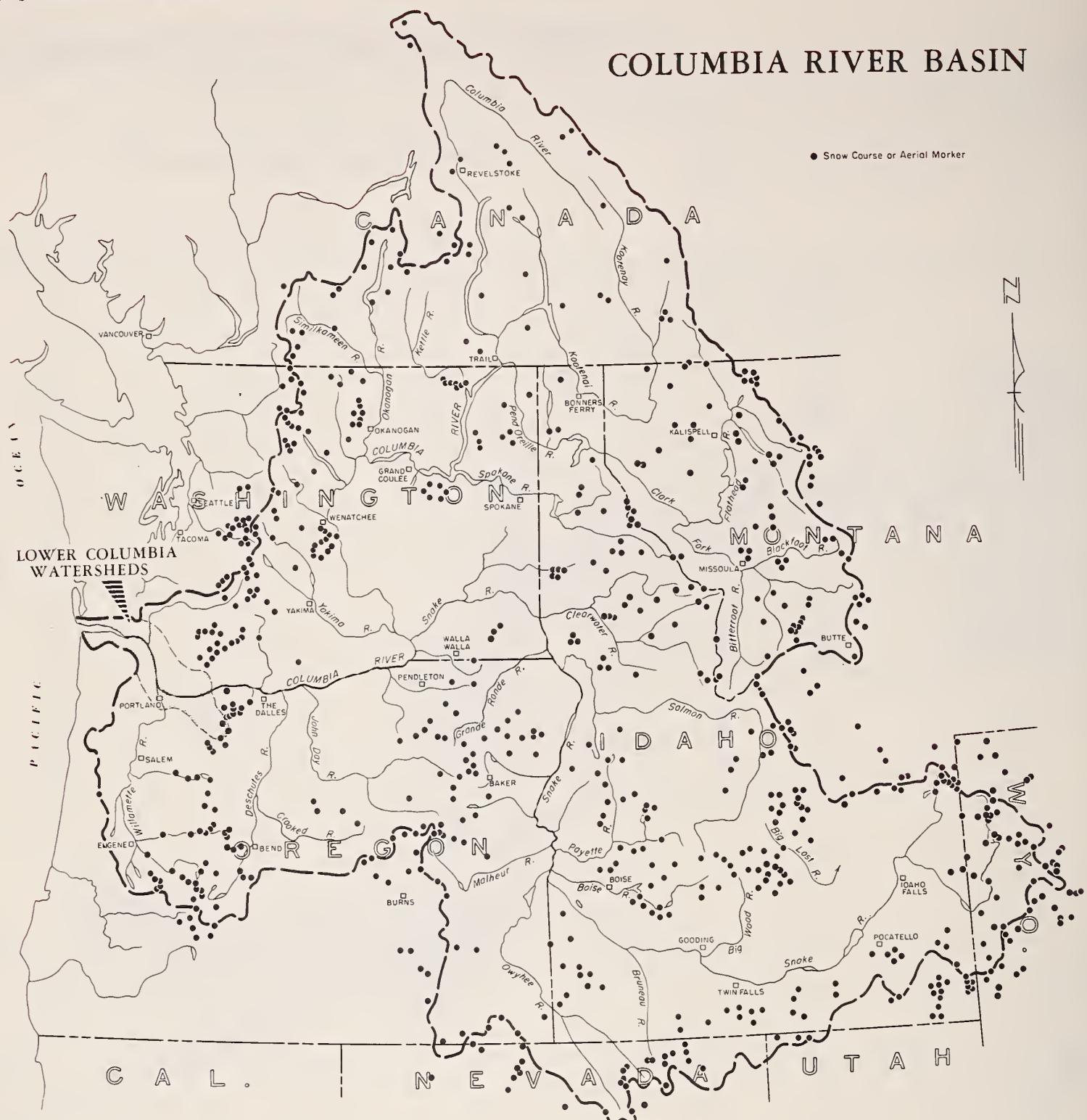
WATERSHED LOCATION

LEGEND

- — — Watershed Boundary
- — — Sub-watershed Boundary
- — — Soil Conservation District Bdry.
- — — County Boundary
- (50) River Miles
- Snow Course

Lower Columbia Watersheds

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN



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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK WILLAMETTE WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
JANUARY 1, 1966

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

With threats of immediate floods now lessened, most Willamette Valley water users can be really happy with the improved water supply outlook for next spring and summer which is due to the excessive rain and snow recently received. Reservoir operations are normal and soils are quite wet at median and low elevations.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack, according to the pre-January snow surveys, was 90 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) but only 52 percent of the pack one year ago. Storms since January 1 have brought very heavy increases in the snowpack.

- Snow at low elevations (below 4500 feet) is now much deeper than average and can contribute heavily to streamflow if heavy rains and warm temperatures should occur continuously for several days.

SOIL MOISTURE

Low elevationsoils are now very wet, even saturated in many places. Soils in the upper watersheds under the snowpack still have some frost in the top inches and are slightly drier than average.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Reservoirs in Willamette Basin caught a great deal of water at the lower elevations during recent storms while reservoirs higher up on tributaries picked up very little water. All reservoirs will be drawn down to minimum amounts as fast as downstream flow conditions permit.

STREAMFLOW

Willamette streams are expected to have near average flows next spring and summer provided snow accumulation and temperature continue at the average rate for the balance of the winter.

Preliminary data from the U. S. Geological Survey indicate flow of the Willamette Middle Fork was only 29 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) in December and has been only 36 percent average since October 1, 1965.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

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"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Calapooya		
Clackamas		
McKenzie		
Molalla		
Santiam, North		
Santiam, South		
Willamette, Coast Fork		
Willamette Middle Fork		

Forecasts begin in
the February 1
report which will
reach you about
February 10, 1966.

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.) January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Cottage Grove	30.0*	0.2	14.6	1.3
Cougar	155.2*	0.0	115.8	--
Detroit	299.9*	0.0	209.7	38.0 ^m
Dorena	70.5*	1.0	52.4	6.5 ^m
Fern Ridge	94.2*	24.8	85.2	8.7
Hills Creek	200.0*	0.0	152.3	--
Lookout Point	337.2*	0.2	256.6	63.3
Timothy Lake	61.7	50.2	61.1	40.2

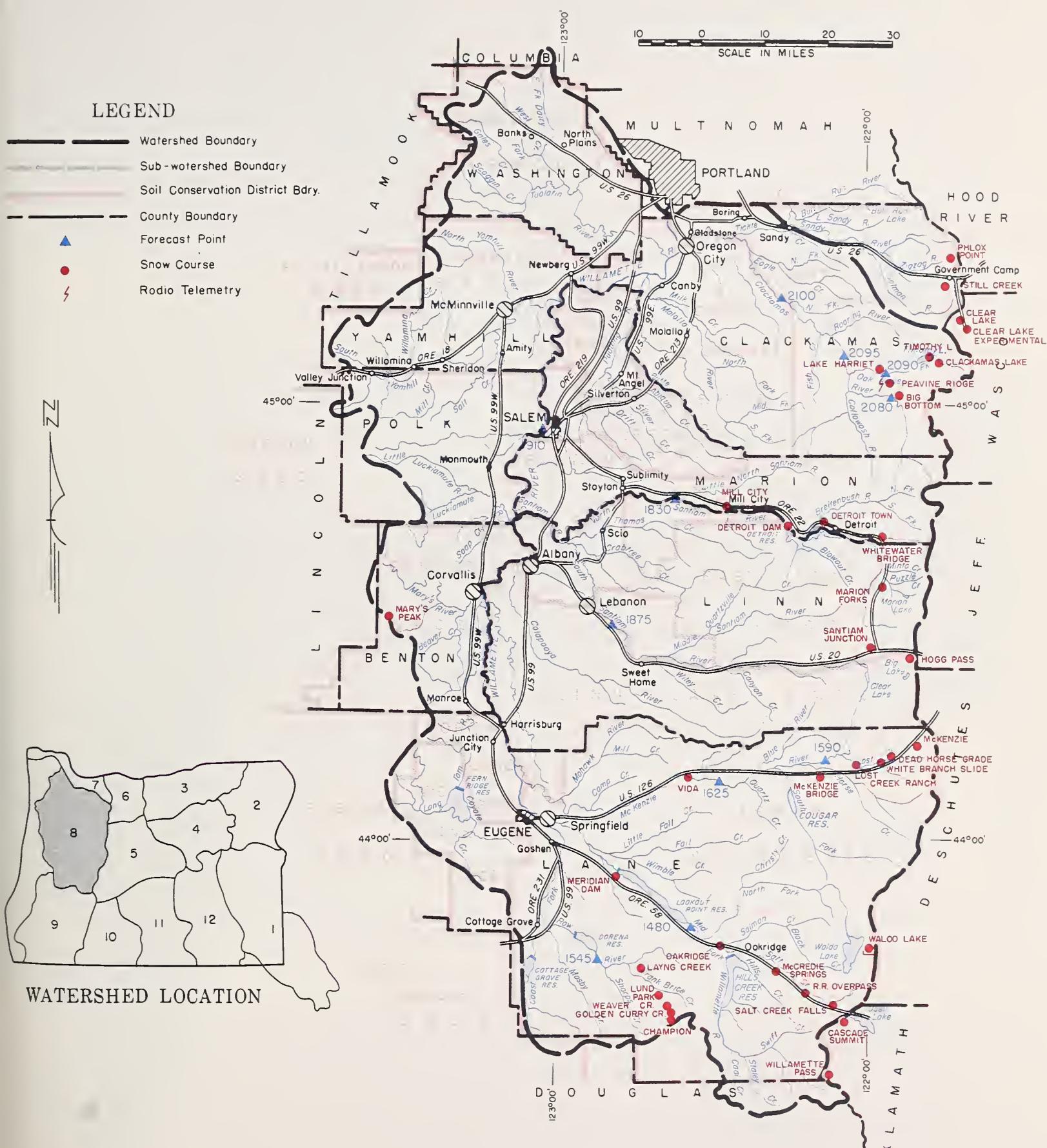
*Multiple purpose
reservoir--space
reserved primarily
for flood runoff.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a(1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ	
					1	2
2080	Clackamas at Big Bottom	c	April-July	150		
2100	Clackamas at Estacada	c	April-Sept.	184		
2095	Clackamas above Three Lynx	c	April-July	770		
1590	McKenzie at McKenzie Bridge	c	April-Sept.	890		
1625	McKenzie near Vida	c	April-July	584		
1625	McKenzie near Vida	c	April-Sept.	683		
2090	Oak Grove Fork above Power Intake	c	April-July	502		
2090	Oak Grove Fork above Power Intake	c	April-Sept.	658		
1545	Rox near Dorena	c	April-July	1144		
1545	Rox near Dorena	c	April-Sept.	1392		
1830	Santiam, North at Mehama ^d	c	April-July	147		
1830	Santiam, North at Mehama ^d	c	April-Sept.	190		
1875	Santiam, South at Waterloo	c	April-July	108		
1875	Santiam, South at Waterloo	c	April-Sept.	112		
1840	Willamette, Mid. Fk. blw. N. Fk. nr. Oakridge ^d	c	April-July	884		
1840	Willamette, Mid. Fk. blw. N. Fk. nr. Oakridge ^d	c	April-Sept.	991		
1910	Willamette at Salem ^d	c	April-July	637		
1910	Willamette at Salem ^d	c	April-Sept.	675		
		c	April-July	863		
		c	April-Sept.	968		
		c	April-July	5040		
		c	April-Sept.	5566		

(a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) No report. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage, water content estimated. (f) Nearest current data. (g) Partly estimated. (h) 1948-62 adjusted average. (i) 1948-62, 15 year average. (j) Telephonic report - data not confirmed. (k) Data from PP&L Co. or USBR records. (m) Average for 5 or more years in base period.

WILLAMETTE WATERSHEDS



Willamette Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
NAME	ELEVATION		SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR
Big Bottom	2118	12/28	12	2.0	--	1.9 ^h
Cascade Summit	4880	12/30	43	7.8	20.2	13.2 ^h
Champion	4500	12/29	74	14.7	--	9.3 ^h
Clackamas Lake	3400	c				
Clear Lake	3500	12/29	17	3.0	6.2	3.4 ^h
Clear Lake (Experimental)	3500	12/29	27	4.9	8.9	--
Dead Horse Grade	3800	Not surveyed				
Detroit Town	1610	12/30	22	4.7	3.8	0.3 ^h
Detroit Dam	1580	12/30	16	2.5	2.2	0.3 ^h
Golden Curry Creek	3136	12/29	32	6.0	--	3.2 ^h
Hogg Pass	4755	12/30	73	14.1	25.4	16.6
Lake Harriet	2045	Not surveyed				
Laying Creek	1200	12/29	0	0.0	1.0	0.0 ^m
Lost Creek Ranch	1956	Not surveyed				
Lund Park	1740	12/29	T	T	--	0.8 ^m
Marion Forks	2730	12/30	35	5.5	--	5.5
Marys Peak	3620	c				
McCredie Springs	2120	12/30	11	1.5	--	0.3 ^h
McKenzie	4800	Not surveyed				
McKenzie Bridge	1372	Not surveyed				
Meridian Dam	750	12/30	0	0.0	--	0.0 ^h
Mill City	826	c				
Oakridge	1310	12/30	0	0.0	--	T ^h
Peavine Ridge	3500	12/28	19	3.2	--	7.1
Phlox Point	5600	12/29	63	14.0	28.2	27.2
Railroad Overpass	2750	12/30	18	3.2	--	1.0 ^h
Salt Creek Falls	4000	12/30	32	4.7	10.8	6.0 ^h
Santiam Junction	3990	12/30	49	9.2	--	9.8
Still Creek	3700	12/29	30	5.1	10.0	10.8
Timothy Lake	3295	Not surveyed				
Vida	800	Not surveyed				
Waldo Lake	5500	c				
Weaver Creek	2440	12/29	11	2.8	--	0.3 ^h
White Branch Slide	2800	Not surveyed				
Whitewater Bridge	2175	12/30	20	3.9	--	2.7 ^h
Willamette Pass	5600	c				



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK ROGUE, UMPQUA, WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
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GENERAL OUTLOOK

With threats of immediate flood now lessened, most Southwestern Oregon water users can be real happy with the improved water supply outlook for next spring and summer which is due to the excessive rain and snow recently received. Stored water supplies are excellent.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack, according to the pre-January snow surveys, was 84 percent of the 15-year (1948-62) average on the Umpqua and 74 percent average on the Rogue. Subsequent storms have greatly increased the snowpacks.

Snow at low elevations (below 4500 feet) is now much deeper than average and can contribute heavily to streamflow if heavy rains and warm temperatures should occur continuously for several days.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in watershed soils under the snowpack is about average and will require very little priming before runoff from snowmelt.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Stored water supplies in reservoirs of the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation Districts are 128 percent of the average and total about 16,000 acre feet compared with 21,400 acre feet a year ago when floods provided much extra water.

Water stored in reservoirs of the Talent Irrigation District is 121 percent of the average and totals 69,200 acre feet compared with 104,000 acre feet a year ago.

STREAMFLOW

Spring and summer streamflow in the Umpqua and Rogue basins is expected to be only slightly below average provided snow accumulation continues at the average rate for the balance of the winter. Lands served from stored water supplies will have a very good season.

Preliminary data indicate the flow of the Rogue River at Raygold* was only 39 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) in December and has been only 54 percent average since October 1, 1965.

* Preliminary data from Pacific Power and Light Company.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair"
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Althouse Creek		
Applegate River, Big		
Applegate River, Little		
Ashland Creek		
Butte Creek, Little		
Butte Creek, Big		
Cow Creek		
Deer Creek		
Elk Creek		
Emigrant Creek (abv. Res.)		
Evans Creek		
Gold Hill Irrigation Dist.		
Grants Pass Irrig. Dist.		
Grave Creek		
Illinois River, East Fork		
Illinois River, West Fork		
Jump-off Joe Creek		
Neil Creek		
Red Blanket Creek		
Rogue River		
Sucker Creek		
Table Rock Irrig. Dist.		
Thompson Creek		
Wagner Creek		
Williams Creek		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Emigrant Gap	39.0	14.5	28.0	15.7*
Fish Lake	7.8	7.2	8.0	4.7
Fourmile Lake	16.1	8.9	13.4	7.9
Howard Prairie	60.0	42.5	60.6	--
Hyatt Prairie	16.1	12.2	15.5	6.4

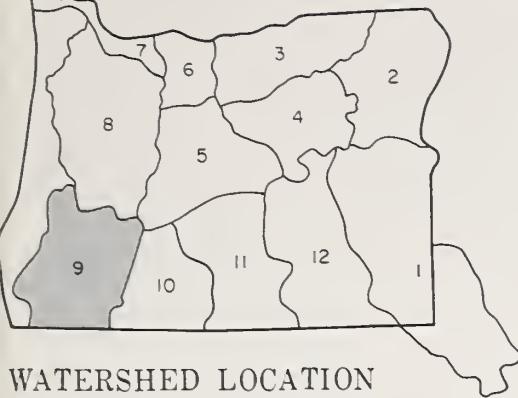
*Average for years of record after reconstruction.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
3620	Applegate near Copper	c	April-Sept.	142	
3145	Clearwater above Trap Creek ^d	c	April-Sept.	75	
5045	Fourmile Lake net Inflow ^d	c	Feb.-Sept.	7.0	
5140	Hyatt Reservoir net Inflow ^d	c	April-Sept.	6.6	
3770	Illinois River at Kerby	c	March-July	348	
3425	Little Butte, N. Fk. at Fish Lake nr. Lake Cr. ^d	c	April-Sept.	212	
3415	Little Butte, S. Fork near Lake Creek	c	April-July	16.0	
	Note: Minimum flow will drop to 100 c.f.s. by <u>c</u>			38	
3280	Rogue above Prospect	c	April-July	295	
3320	Rogue, South Fork near Prospect ^d	c	April-Sept.	355	
3350	Rogue below South Fork	c	April-July	70	
3590	Rogue at Raygold near Central Point	c	April-Sept.	82	
3615	Rogue at Grants Pass	c	April-July	611	
3135	Umpqua, No. blw. Lemolo Res. nr. Toketee Falls ^d	c	April-Sept.	754	
		c	April-Sept.	837	
		c	April-Sept.	1001	
		c	April-Sept.	993	
		c	April-Sept.	186	

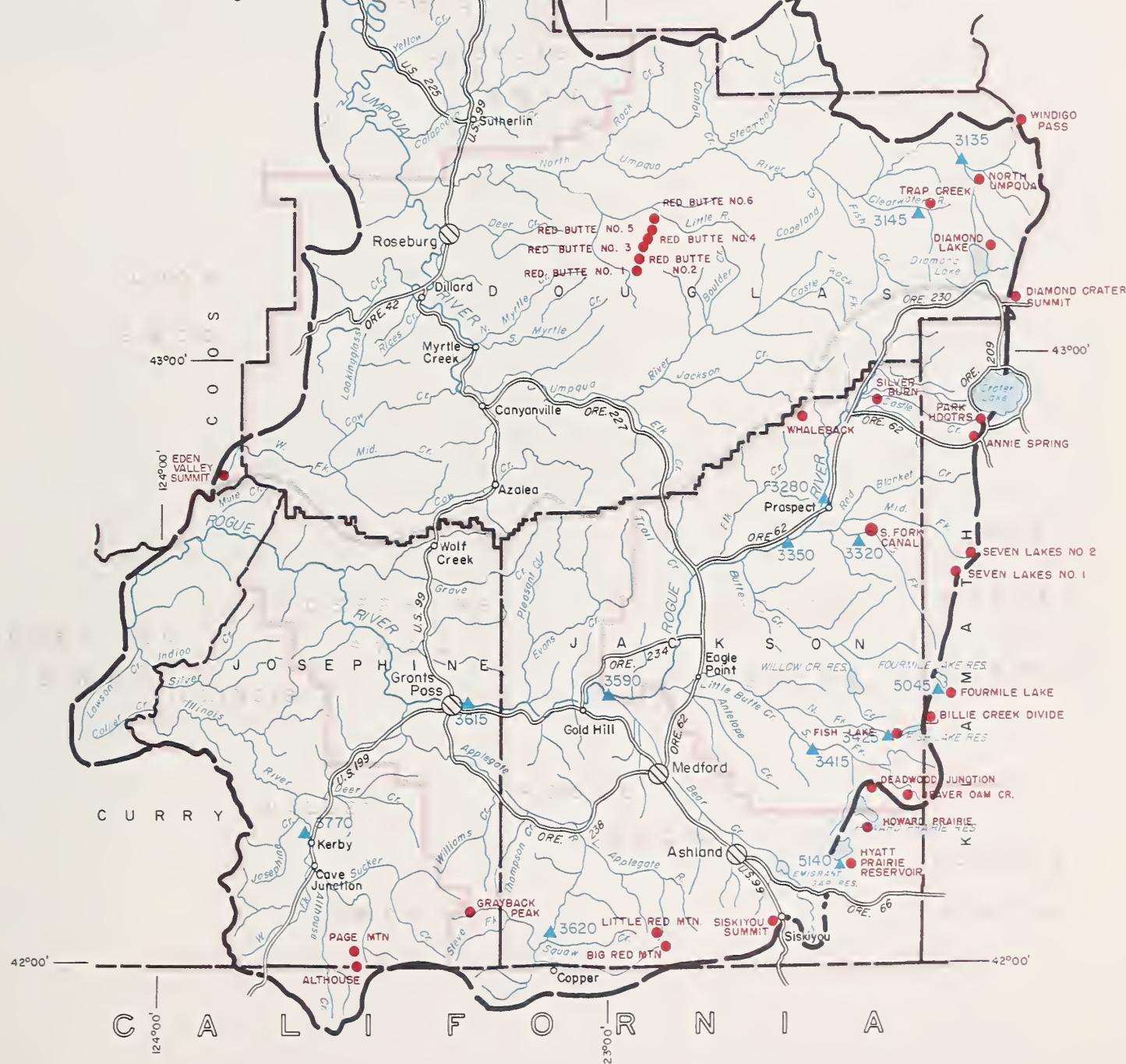
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ROGUE, UMPQUA WATERSHEDS



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SCALE IN MILES

WATERSHED LOCATION



LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
- - - Sub-watershed Boundary
- · - Soil Conservation District Bdry
- - - County Boundary
- ▲ Forecast Point
- Snow Course
- Precipitation Gage

Rogue, Umpqua Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
					LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Althouse	4530	c				
Annie Spring	6018	12/29	57	11.8	26.5	16.6
Beaver Dam Creek	5100	Not surveyed				
Big Red Mountain	6500	c				
Billie Creek Divide	5300	12/28	34	5.6	9.9	9.6 ^h
Champion	4500	12/29	74	14.7	--	9.3 ^h
Cold Springs Camp	6100	c				
Deadwood Junction	4600	Not surveyed				
Diamond Crater Summit	5800	12/20	14	4.5	27.3	--
Diamond Lake	5315	12/20	5	1.6	16.5	10.0
Eden Valley Summit	2390	Not surveyed				
Fish Lake	4865	c				
Fourmile Lake	6000	c				
Grayback Peak	6000	c				
Howard Prairie	4500	12/29	28	4.9	6.1	--
Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	4900	12/29	24	4.5	6.3	3.7 ^h
King Mountain #1	4800	Not surveyed				
King Mountain #2	3646	Not surveyed				
King Mountain #3	2550	Not surveyed				
King Mountain #4	1779	Not surveyed				
Little Red Mountain	6500	c				
North Umpqua	4215	Not surveyed				
Page Mountain	4045	c				
Park Headquarters	6450	12/30	74	16.8	43.7	22.2
Red Butte #1	4560	Not surveyed				
Red Butte #2	4000	Not surveyed				
Red Butte #3	3500	Not surveyed				
Red Butte #4	3000	Not surveyed				
Red Butte #5	2500	Not surveyed				
Red Butte #6	2000	Not surveyed				
Seven Lakes #1	6800	c				
Seven Lakes #2	6200	c				
Silver Burn	3720	Not surveyed				
Siskiyou Summit	4630	Not surveyed				
South Fork Canal	3500	Not surveyed				
Trap Creek	3800	c				
Whaleback	5140	c				
Windigo Pass	5800	c				

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK KLAMATH WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of

JANUARY 1, 1966

**U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY ... OREGON STATE ENGINEER**

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Klamath Basin farmers, ranchers and other water users can expect good to excellent water supplies in the spring and summer of 1966. Unusually light mountain snowpacks have increased considerably in the recent storms. Stored water supplies are excellent because of heavy carryover from last year.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack was about 76 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) at the end of December and only 47 percent of the 1965 pack. Recent storms have improved this situation.

SOIL MOISTURE

Watershed soils under the snowpack contain some frost in the top several inches but soil moisture is about average for this date.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Water stored in Upper Klamath Lake is now 275,500 acre feet compared with an average storage of 328,400 acre feet. Last year, due to floods, this reservoir held 621,000 acre feet on January 1.

Gerber reservoir contains 50,880 acre feet compared with an average of 26,400 acre feet and a total of 78,000 acre feet after the floods a year ago.

Clear Lake now holds an estimated 217,000 acre feet compared with 190,000 acre feet last year and an average figure of 175,700 acre feet.

STREAMFLOW

Streamflow near average is expected in Klamath Basin next spring and summer and water supplies should be good if snow continues to accumulate in near normal amounts during the balance of the winter.

Inflow to Upper Klamath Lake* was 86 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) in December and has been 100 percent average since October 1, 1965.

* Preliminary data furnished by Pacific Power & Light Co., Medford, Oregon.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair",
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Ft. Klamath Valley		
Lost River (Clear Lake)		
Lost River (Gerber)		
Lost River (Willow Res.)		
Sprague River		
Upper Klamath Lake		
Williamson River		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Clear Lake	440.2	217.0	190.0	175.7
Gerber	94.0	50.9	78.0	26.4 ^m
Upper Klamath Lake	584.0	275.5	621.0	328.4

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION	PROFILE (Inches)			SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)		
	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
NAME	ELEVATION					
Bly Mountain	5090	42	14.0	b		

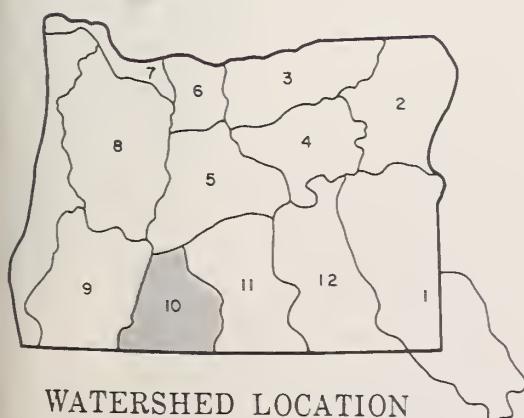
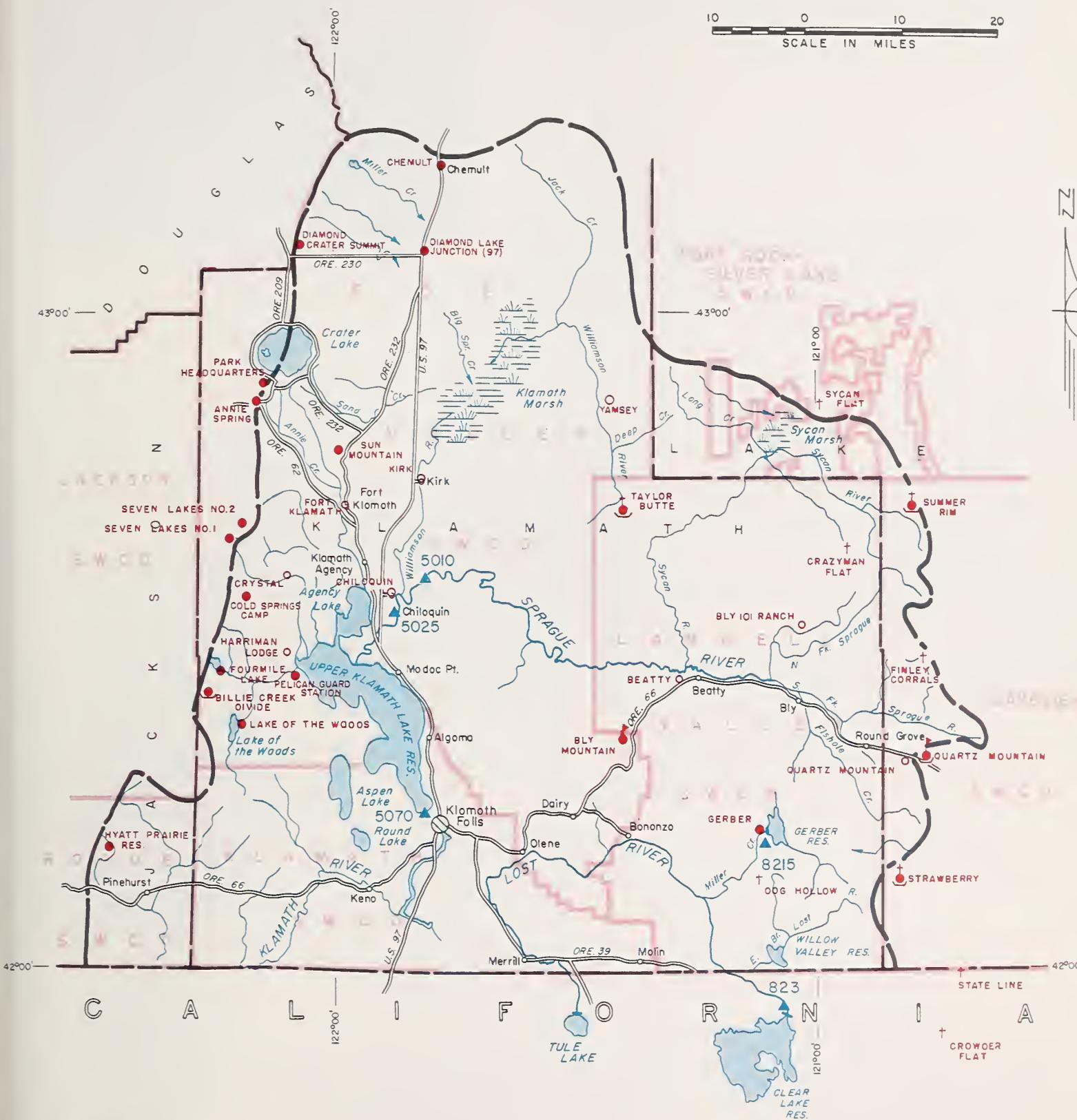
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ	
					FORECAST POINT NAME	1948-62 AVERAGE
923	Clear Lake Reservoir Inflow ^k	c	Feb.-June	98		
		c	April-Sept.	48		
8215	Gerber Reservoir Inflow	c	Feb.-June	48		
		c	April-Sept.	23		
5010	Sprague near Chiloquin	c	Feb.-Sept.	390		
		c	April-Sept.	289		
5070	Upper Klamath Lake net Inflow ^{d k}	c	Feb.-Sept.	1002		
		c	April-Sept.	639		
5025	Williamson below Sprague River	c	Feb.-Sept.	683		
		c	April-Sept.	490		

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KLAMATH WATERSHEDS

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SCALE IN MILES



WATERSHED LOCATION

LEGEND

- Watershed Boundary
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- COPCO Snow Station
- △ Soil Moisture Station
- Precipitation Goge

Klamath Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST RECORD	
NAME	ELEVATION		SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR
Annie Spring	6018	12/29	57	11.8	26.5	16.6
Beatty (PP&L)	4300	b				
Billie Creek Divide	5300	12/28	34	5.6	9.9	9.6 ^h
Bly Mountain	5090	Not surveyed				
Bly 101 Ranch (PP&L)	4800	b				
Chemult	4760	12/29	27	5.2	4.3	4.8
Chiloquin (PP&L)	4187	b				
Cold Springs Camp	6100	c				
Crazyman Flat ^e	6100	c				
Crowder Flat ^e (Calif.)	5200	c				
Crystal (PP&L)	4200	b				
Diamond-Crater Summit	5800	12/20	14	4.5	27.3	--
Diamond Lake Junction (97)	4600	12/20	4	1.2	2.8	--
Dog Hollow ^e	4900	c				
Finley Corrals ^e	6000	c				
Fort Klamath (PP&L)	4150	12/31	12	2.1 ^j	1.1	1.5
Fourmile Lake	6000	c				
Gerber	4850	1/3	6	1.1 ^j	--	1.6 ^h
Harriman (PP&L)	4200	12/31	19	2.7 ^j	0.8	2.0
Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	4900	12/29	24	4.5	6.3	3.7 ^h
Kirk (PP&L)	4533	b				
Lake of the Woods	4960	12/28	25	3.6	--	5.7
Park Headquarters	6450	12/30	74	16.8	43.7	22.2
Pelican Guard Station	4150	12/28	15	2.5	--	--
Quartz Mountain	5320	12/30	18	3.5	2.5	3.0 ^h
Quartz Mountain (PP&L)	5504	12/30	20	3.4	2.6	3.2 ^m
Seven Lakes #1	6800	c				
Seven Lakes #2	6200	c				
State Line ^e (Calif.)	5750	c				
Strawberry	5760	Not surveyed				
Summer Rim	7200	c				
Sun Mountain	5350	12/20	15	3.9	13.6	10.4
Sycan Flat ^e	5500	c				
Taylor Butte	5100	12/22	7	1.8	0.6	2.2 ^m
Yamsey (PP&L)	4600	b				



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK LAKE COUNTY, GOOSE LAKE WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
JANUARY 1, 1966

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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Farmers, ranchers and other water users in Lake County can expect good to excellent water supplies in the spring and summer of 1966. Measurements of the mountain snowpack showed about 106 percent of average as of the end of December - the best snow cover in the state. Stored water supplies are excellent and watershed soils have about average moisture in the top four feet.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack has increased beyond 106 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) as a result of recent storms.

SOIL MOISTURE

In some areas a small amount of frost remains in the top few inches of the soil under the snowpack. Moisture in the soil is about average for this date.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Drews Valley reservoir held 39,900 acre feet on December 6, 1965 and has probably had some inflow since that date. A year ago, because of floods, this important reservoir was full and spilling. The average storage on January 1 is 29,400 acre feet.

Cottonwood reservoir holds about 900 acre feet, about average for this date. A year ago it held 7,100 acre feet.

STREAMFLOW

Spring and summer flow of Lake County streams is expected to be near average if snow continues to accumulate in near normal amounts during the balance of the winter. Lakeview Water Users Association is already assured of a good water supply for 1966.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

expressed as "Poor", "Fair"
"Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Chewaucan		
Crooked		
Deep Creek		
Dry Creek		
East Side Goose Lake		
Guano Lake		
Honey Creek		
Lakeview Water Users Assn.		
Rock Creek (Hart Mtn.)		
Silver-Buck Creeks		
Summer Lake		
Thomas Creek		
Twentymile Creek		
Warner Lakes		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.) January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Cottonwood	8.7	0.9*	7.1	0.9**
Drews	63.0	39.9*	68.1	29.4

*Dec. 6, 1965

**Average for years
of record after
reconstruction.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

NO.	NAME	FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1948-62 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE ⁱ
		NO.	NAME				
3840	Chewaucan near Paisley			c	March-June	89	
3715	Deep above Adel			c	March-June	78	
3385	Drews Reservoir net Inflow ^d			c	March-July	47	
3785	Honey Creek near Plush			c	March-June	18.0	
3660	Twentymile near Adel			c	March-June	28	

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION	PROFILE (Inches)			SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Camas Creek	5720	42	14.5	12-27-65	11.4	13.2	11.9
Quartz Mountain	5320	48	15.3	12-30-65	7.2	15.0	8.2

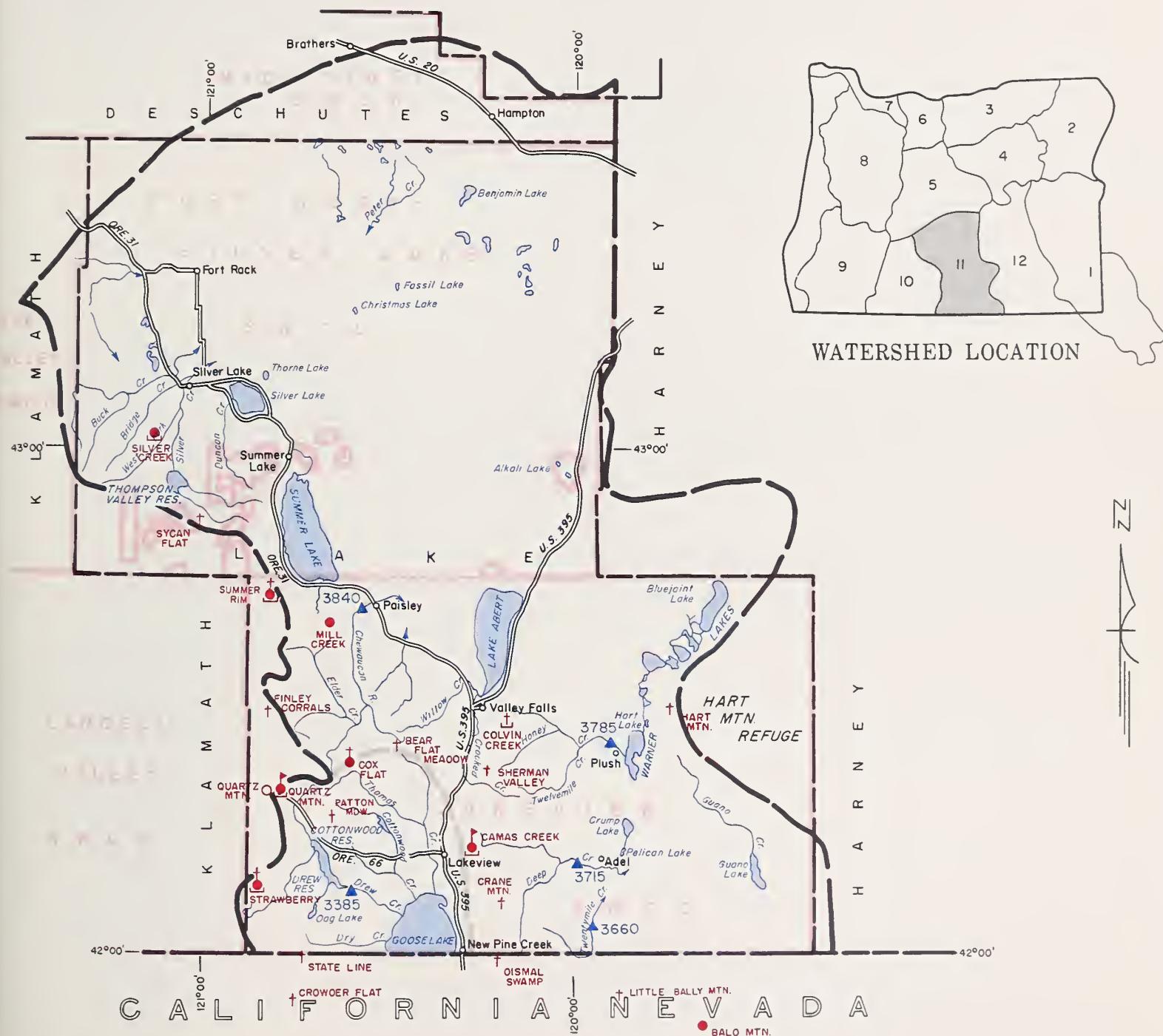
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	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)
				LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Bald Mountain (Nev.)	6720	c			
Bear Flat Meadow ^e	5900	c			
Camas Creek	5720	12/27	15	2.4	5.6
Cox Flat ^e	5750	c			--
Crane Mountain ^e	6020	c			
Crowder Flat ^e (Calif.)	5200	c			
Dismal Swamp ^e (Calif.)	7000	c			
Finley Corrals ^e	6000	c			
Hart Mountain ^e	6350	c			
Little Bally Mountain ^e (Nev.)	6600	c			
Mill Creek	6200	c			
Patton Meadows ^e	6800	c			
Quartz Mountain (PP&L)	5504	12/30	20	3.4	2.6
Quartz Mountain	5320	12/30	18	3.5	2.5
Sherman Valley ^e	6600	c			
Silver Creek	4900	12/30	14	1.7	0.8
State Line ^e (Calif.)	5750	c			
Strawberry	5760		Not surveyed		
Summer Rim	7200	c			
Sycan Flat ^e	5500	c			

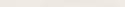
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Lake County, Goose Lake Watersheds

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 SCALE IN MILES



LEGEND

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Lake County, Goose Lake Watersheds

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK HARNEY BASIN WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of
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GENERAL OUTLOOK

Ranchers and other water users in Harney Basin can expect spring and summer water supplies in 1966 to be somewhat below the average unless snow accumulates at a faster than normal rate during the balance of the season.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack at the end of December was only 52 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) and 34 percent on this date a year ago. Storms since January 1 have increased the snowpack significantly.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil mantle underlying the snowpack is about average for this date but is much less than the 93 percent of capacity recorded a year ago. The soils will absorb some of the snow-melt water when spring runoff begins.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Moon and Chickahominy reservoirs will not hold much water until a thaw starts the snow melting above these facilities.

STREAMFLOW

Streamflow will be less than average next spring unless better than average amounts of snow accumulate between now and the spring breakup.

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD	
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Catlow Valley		
Cow Creek		
Donner und Blitzen River		
Mill-Coffeepot Creeks		
Rattlesnake Creek		
Silver Creek		
Silvies River		
Soldier-Prather Creek		
Trout Creek		
Whitehorse Creek		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

January 1, 1966

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS^a (1,000 Ac. Ft.) as of January 1, 1966

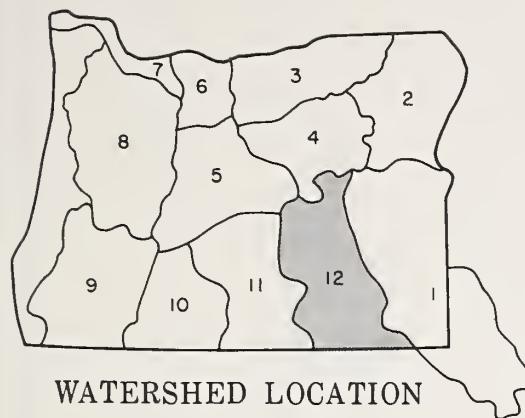
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		NAME	NO.				
3960	Donner und Blitzen near Frenchglen			c	March-June	59	
				c	April-Sept.	62	
4030	Silver near Riley			c	April-July	22	
3935	Silvies River near Burns			c	March-June	116	
4065	Trout Creek near Denio			c	April-Sept.	99	
				c	March-July	8.7	
				c	April-Sept.	8.4	

SOIL MOISTURE

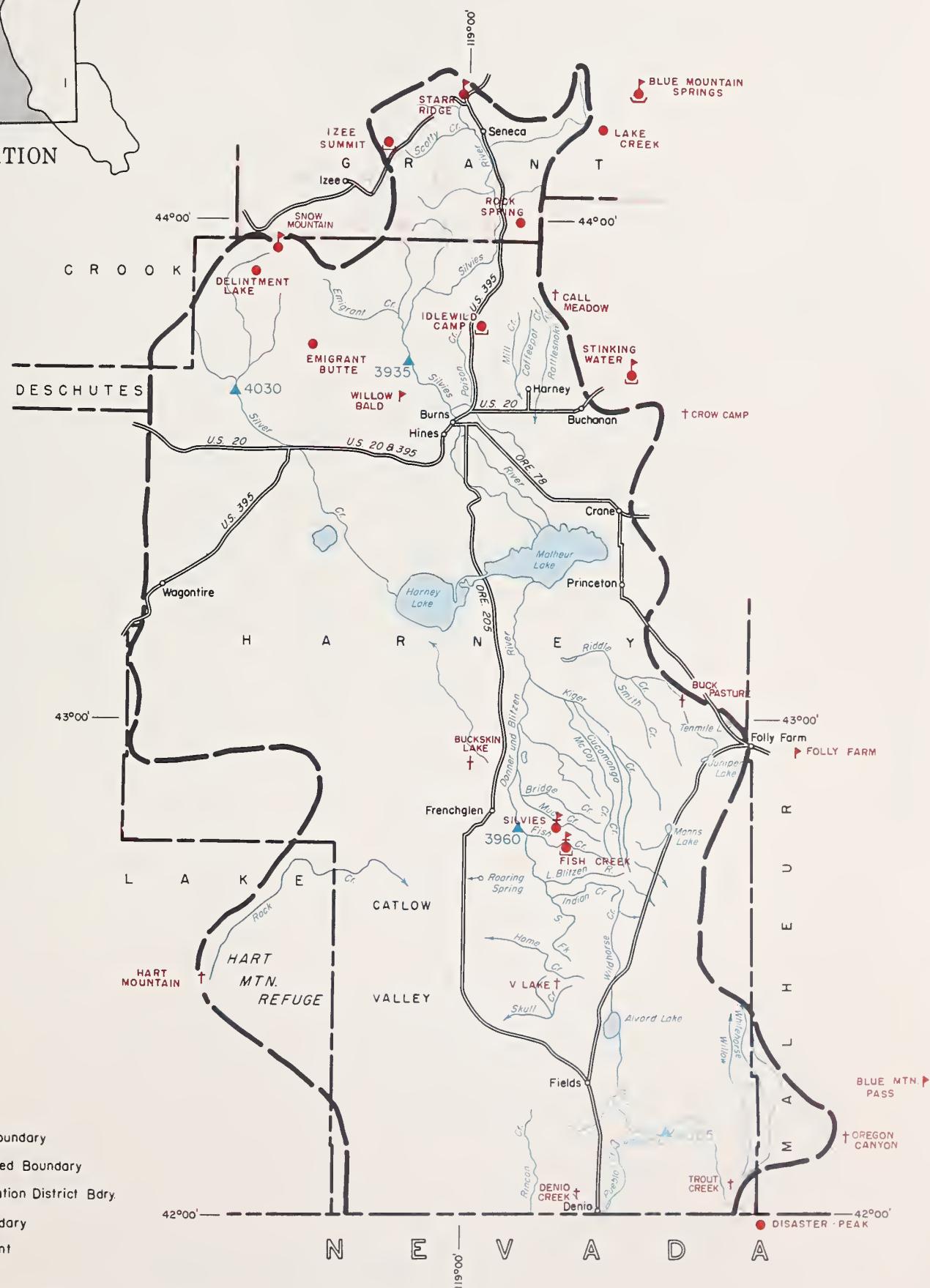
STATION	PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
NAME	ELEVATION					
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	42	16.9	12-28-65	6.6	13.1
Fish Creek	7900	48	15.0	c	.	
Folly Farm	4450	30	12.5	c		
Silvies	6900	48	16.4	c		
Snow Mountain	6300	48	16.7	12-28-65	11.6	16.3
Starr Ridge	5150	36	10.6	12-28-65	7.5	10.3
Stinking Water Summit	4800	48	21.9	11-19-65	21.4	21.3
Willow-Bald	5000	24	6.6	12-28-65	3.4	6.4

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HARNEY BASIN WATERSHEDS



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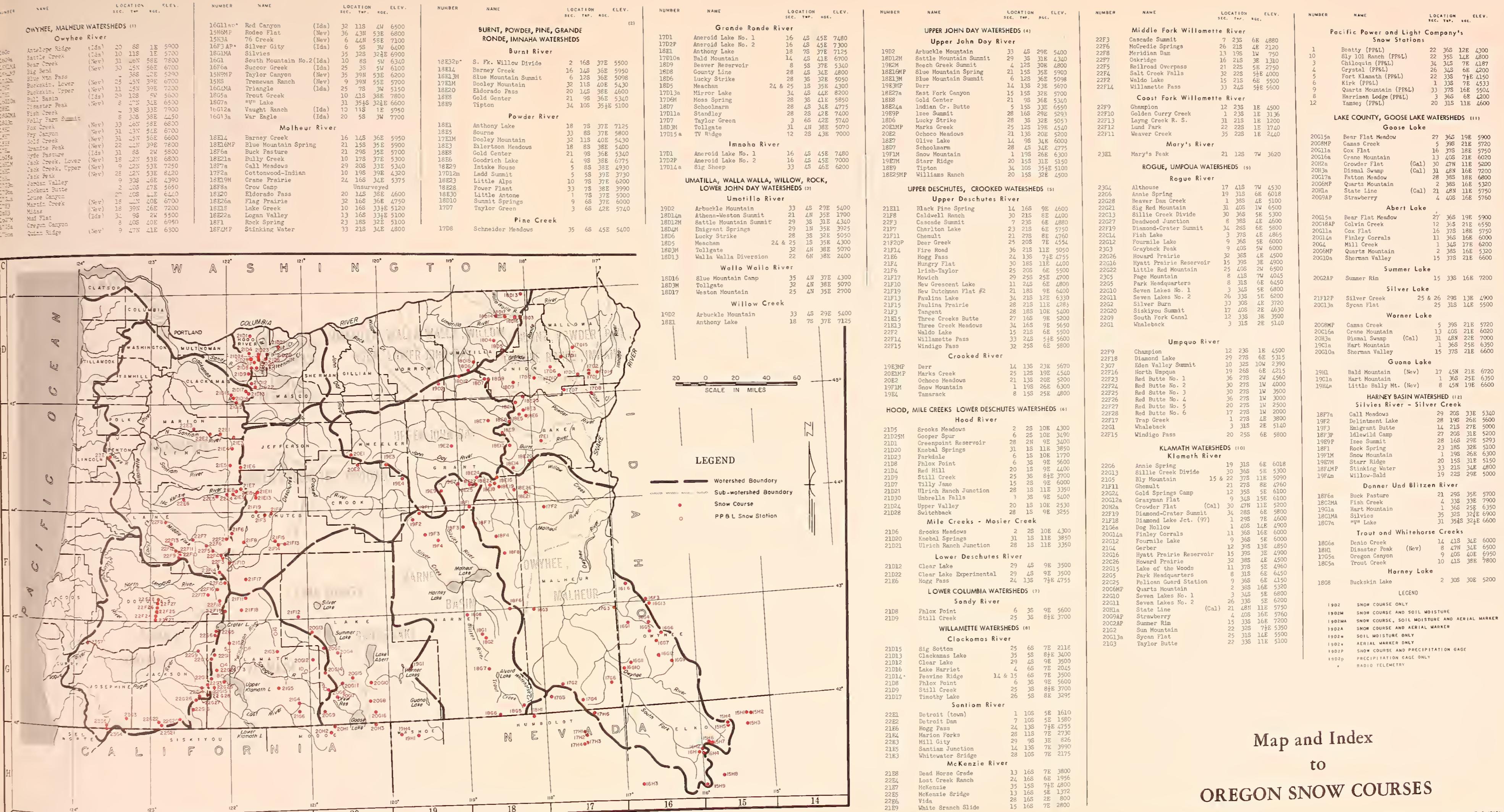
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Harney Basin Watersheds

SNOW

SNOW COURSE		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
					LAST YEAR	1948-62 AVERAGE
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	12/28	15	2.8	11.6	6.0 ^h
Buck Pasture ^e	5700	c				
Buckskin Lake ^e	5200	c				
Call Meadows ^e	5340	c				
Crow Camp ^e	5500	c				
Delintment Lake	5600	c				
Denio Creek ^e	6000	c				
Disaster Peak (Nev.)	6500	c				
Emigrant Butte	5000	c				
Fish Creek	7900	c				
Hart Mountain ^e	6350	c				
Idlewild Camp	5200	12/29	11	1.2	1.9	2.1
Izee Summit	5293	12/27	12	1.8	4.7	3.1 ^h
Lake Creek	5120	12/28	11	2.1	--	--
Oregon Canyon ^e	6950	c				
Rock Spring	5100	12/29	9	0.9	2.2	2.1
Silvies	6900	c				
Snow Mountain	6300	12/28	13	2.7	9.9	-- ^h
Starr Ridge	5150	12/27	10	1.2	4.2	2.4 ^h
Stinking Water	4800	12/28	7	1.3	T	2.0 ^h
Trout Creek ^e	7800	c				
"V" Lake ^e	6600	c				



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Medford Irrigation District
Middle Fork Irrigation District
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North Unit Irrigation District
Ochoco Irrigation District
Rogue River Valley Irrigation District
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